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Clinton Tried to Move NATO Ahead, but Bosnia Was in Way

By Craig R. Whitney
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BRUSSELS — In the end, the summit meeting President Bill Clinton called to assure the future of the NATO alliance could not escape its past failures, and those of the United States as its leading power, in what used to be Yugoslavia.

The dominant topic was not the president's Partnership for Peace to build a new relationship between NATO and formerly Communist countries to its east, but growing frustration throughout the alliance over NATO's maching to

deter or stop Serbian nationalist aggression in Bosnia How to deal with the instability that long-suppressed ethnic hatreds and nationalistic pride are producing all over the former Communist bloc was precisely the theme Mr. Clinton used in forcefully reasserting the American interest

in the stability and security of Europe.

European leaders, demoralized by their own failure to deal with the war in Bosnia and by the worst economic

But whether his new Partnership plan can prevent turmoil between Russia and Eastern Europe may well depend on whether the alliance can recover the sense of purpose it lost

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when it failed to prevent war on its eastern doorstep in Yugoslavia, just as the Cold War had been won.

Before flying to Prague on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Clinton said his aim was ultimately "a security based not on Europe's divisions, but on the potential of its integration."
But he also heard European leaders tell him repeatedly that specess in the enterprise would depend crucially on American support - and, in security issues, on American leader-

The Clinton administration tried last spring to get the

recession in decades, welcomed Mr. Clinton's support for their battered enterprise of European unity.

European allies to agree to let the United States carry out air strikes against the Serbian forces responsible for most of the violence and to let the besieged Muslims have access to arms, but Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher did not carry the day with the Europeans.

Last August, with Sarajevo under siege, the allies did agree to threaten the Bosnian Serbs with air strikes if they did not stop their "strangulation" of the city. Since then the garroting has continued, as if in open contempt of NATO's threats, and the French and British publics have been wearying of their soldiers getting killed and wounded in the preacekeeping forces in Bosnia.

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On Monday, Mr. Clinton found himself in the position of arging with the French and the British, the European countries who have the most soldiers in the United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia, that NATO should not make yet another bombing threat unless it was prepared to carry it

The allies did repeat the threat on Tuesday, and extended

it to cover the area around Srebrenica, where Serbian forces nt to cover the area around Steprenica, where Serman forces have prevented the relief of a Canadian peacekeeping contingent, and Tuzla, where the Serbs have been blocking the respening of the airport for civilian relief supplies.

But the latest threat could also turn out to be an empty one. In fact, all the allies did was ask the UN military one. In fact, an the affices me was ask the ON mintary commanders in Bosnia to draw up urgent plans, implying that air support would be there if needed. Under the procedures it established last summer, NATO will not drop a single bomb unless the UN commanders on the scene ask it to, and then only if the UN secretary-general, Butros Butros Chall concurs in the request Ghali, concurs in the request.

"What happens now depends upon the behavior of the combatants, principally the Bosnian Serbs, and what the military commanders come back and recommend," Mr.

But if they do ask for air strikes, what happens then will

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Ukraine Says Nuclear Pact Signing May Be Delayed

By Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW - Ukrainian officials and political leaders said Tuesday that the nuclear disarmament agreement announced Monday by President Bill Clinton had not been completed and may not be signed on Friday as Mr. Clinton had predicted.

Foreign Ministry officials in Kiev described the agreement, which Mr. Clinton said he, President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia and President Leonid M. Kravchuk of Ukraine, would initial in Moscow on Friday, as still in draft form, with some problems yet to be worked out.

"We hope that the trilateral talks in Moscow will end successfully," the Foreign Ministry

NATO adopted a broader but still highly conditional plan for Bosnia air strikes. Page 4.

spokesman, Yuri Sergeyev, said at a news conference in Kiev. "But if the document is not ready, then the meeting will have a consultative nature." A communique or declaration would be issued, he said, instead of a full-fledged pact.

Ukrainian lawmakers, meanwhile, went even further and suggested that even if Mr. Kravthuk signs a completed accord, they might not go along with it. The Ukrainian parliament, wary about Russia's intentions and eager to retain the prestige of a nuclear power, has been the main stumbling block in making good on past pledges to give up the more than 1.800 warheads left on its territory after the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union.

"President Leonid Kravchuk has no authority to sign any interstate documents regarding nuclear disarmament," said Vyacheslav Chornovil, chairman of the nationalist Rukh Party. Such an agreement, he said, "would have no juridical force." More extreme nationalist legislators suggested they would try to irapeach Mr. Kravchuk if he signed any pact giving up kraine's nuclear weapons.

Other parliamentary leaders said that while the agreement announced by Mr. Clinton apparently offered many enticements, including greater security guarantees, a Russian pledge to respect Ukraine's current borders and more than \$1 billion in assistance for the country's collapsing economy, its approval was far from certain. They cited concern at the stunning electoral success last month of Russian ultranationalists, many of whom would like to see

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Rights Report **Jeopardizes** Trade Benefit For Beijing

State Department Finds Little Progress in 1993 On Correcting Abuses

By Elaine Sciolino

New York Tomes Service
WASHINGTON — A draft State Department report on human rights has concluded that China made little progress in curbing widespread abuses last year, and administration officials said Tuesday that the situation would make it virtually impossible for President Bill Clinton to extend preferential trade benefits next summer unless China drastically changes its behavior

The annual global report, which is undergo-ing review before it is sent to Congress in three weeks, says there were serious problems in China's performance in 1993, including arbitrary arrests and torture and poor treatment of political and religious dissidents. It also states that the Beijing regime continues to use repression to maintain control of its population, primarily through the state security forces.

China's human rights record will be the focus of a probable meeting between Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher and China's for-eign minister, Qian Qichen, at the end of January. Although the meeting has not been formally announced, one senior official said it may take place in Paris or Geneva.

Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen will also stress the importance of more cooperation on human rights when he visits Beijing next week.

The disclosures about the human rights report come amid a policy dispute within the Clinton administration over the wisdom of making the renewal of China's trade position known as most-favored-nation status - totally dependent on its human rights conduct.

One voice in the debate is that of J. Stapleton Roy, the U.S. ambassador to Bening, who told The New York Times early this month that China had made "dramatic progress in im-proving the life of its citizens and that this should be taken into account when the Clinton administration reviews its policy toward China.

During the 1992 campaign, Mr. Clinton criticized President George Bush for being lax on rights abuses in China. But the economic pressures for increasing trade with China are enormous, and foreign policy officials argued over whether punishments merely make

the Chinese more recalcitrant. Reflecting those conflicting factors. President Clinton moved last fall to what administration officials called an "engagement stratemeant to encourage Beijing to reform. But at the same time. Mr. Clinton has repeated the warnings he made when he renewed trade preferences last spring that they would not be extended unless progress is seen on human

The report praises China for what one senior official described as "our intensive human rights dialogue with China" and signs of "positive developments" in each of the areas of concern, including the release of some promi-nent political prisoners and China's announcement that it was willing to consider allowing the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit political prisoners

Mr. Christopher has been urged by some of his advisers to visit China as early as March. But he has said privately that he would not do so without substantial improvement in China's human rights conduct.

An elderly woman struck Tuesday by mortar shell fragments lying dead beside a Sarajevo school as people passed her body. Six people were killed and 13 wounded by artillery fire. Clinton Fine-Tunes Message, but Will Russians Listen?

By Lee Hockstader

Washington Post Service MOSCOW - President Bill Clinton, having spent a year announcing new aid packages and trumpeting his Russia policy as a success, will get a dose of reality as grim as Moscow's gray winter when he arrives here for a summit meet-ing this week with President Bosis N. Yelisin.

White House planners assumed the presi-dent's arrival would coincide with the kickoff seision of a new Russian parliament that would ted and supportive of be far more reform-one Mr. Yeltsin than the last instead, they got a

nasty surprise in parliamentary elections last mouth when ultranationalists and Communists received strong support. The biggest vote getter in the new parliament is so hostile to U.S.

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interests that Mr. Clinton is pointedly snubbing him on his trip here.

In ways large and small, the three-day meeting starting Thursday will be a mine field for Mr. Clinton, as the president for the first time confronts the chilling danger afoot in a nuclear-

armed country that skirted civil war in October only to face surging extreme nationalism in

To confront that challenge, Clinton advisers have billed the meeting as one that will stress U.S. advice, not new aid. For weeks the White House has been fussing to fine-tune its message to the Russians, a nuance here, a shading there.

However, the U.S. message may be undercut to some extent by the administration's past promises of billions of dollars worth of aid. which has been slow to materialize. After so many promises of aid and so few visible results.

it is common to hear complaints about U.S.

But the risk for Mr. Clinton is not so much rising anti-Americanism, although there are some signs of that in Russia these days. The risk is that he may seem irrelevant to many Rus-The question for this meeting is: Will the

Russians be listening? "We are hearing many messages from all over the world," said Dmitri Ryunkov, an assis-

tant to Mr. Yeltsin for foreign policy, "But of See RUSSIA, Page 5

Neo-Nazis Disfigure a Handicapped Girl

By Rick Atkinson

BERLIN - Suspected neo-Nazi skinheads carved a swastika into the check of 17-year-old gri in a wheelchair after she refused their order to shout fascist slogans, the police said Tues-

Three assailants attacked the victim with a knife on Monday after she emerged from a public toilet for the handicapped in the Eastern city of Halle, 200 kilometers (125 miles) south-West of Berlin, a police spokesman reported. After she refused the attackers' demand that

she repeat "Gas the cripples" and "Foreigners out," the girl had a crude swastika barved in the left side of her face, according to Halle's police chief, Günter Hermann, Reports of the attack spacked outrage from handicapped groups and politicians across Germany.

As part of the wave of rightist violence plagu-ing the country since reimitication in 1990,

handicapped have been attacked or harassed.

Two skinhead youths went on trial Tuesday in the town of Siegen for allegedly kicking to death a 55-year-old man who was almost blind.

The hostility toward the handicapped carries echoes of the massive enthanssia program under the Nazi regime, when thousands of physically and mentally disadvantaged people were murdered as part of an effort to purify the race. A lew of the recent attacks have been exposed as frauds by purported victims seeking sympathy or insurance money. A 14-year-old girl who claimed to have had a swastika carved her cheek in November 1992 later admitted

10 having fabricated the story.
In the Haile episode, the victim suffered a cut measuring roughly 4 by 3 centimeters (1.5 by 1.2 inches) that will be visible for quite a while," a police spokesman, Raif Berger, told Renters. "But the chances are good that there

will be no permanent scar."

More than 100 police officers are searching for the suspects and approximately 200 rightist radicals have been questioned, Mr. Berger said. radicals have been questioned, Mr. Berger said.
Authorities are looking for two young men, aged 18 to 20, and a 15-year-old female accom-

The victim was treated at a hospital and released. Although initially too distraught to talk to investigators, she subsequently helped the police draw a composite sketch of the attackers, Mr. Berger said. The girl and her parents are under police protection; he said.

Walter Franke, chairman of a group that monitors rights for the handicapped, told the German news agency DPA that such attacks "damage people's dignity and debase the German image abroad."

Wolfgang Böhmer, employment and social issues minister for the state of Saxony-Anhalt, said, "This crime reveals an incomprehensible degree of coldness and violence." China's Prescription for Healthy Babies

By Patrick E. Tyler

w York Times Service

WUBAIHU, China - The first new moon

after the sun enters Aquarius, sometime between Jan. 21 and Feb. 19, is the Chinese

New Year, and that is the traditional time to

marry in China. The next new year begins on

It was not until the early 1980s, after a

5,000-year tradition of winter marriages, that

Chimese medical scientists noted that the rush

to conceive a first child came at a time of year

when maternal nutrition, especially in rural

areas, was low in fresh fruits and vegetables.



The girl who was assaulted by skinheads. Her eyes were covered at her request.

Tunnel Paved With Gold? Le Shuttle Lists Its Fares

By Erik Ipsen

al Herald Tribune LONDON - The train that will start shuttling cars and passengers under the English unnel between Dover and Calais this year will be surprisingly expensive, according to the Channel Tunnel operator's fare announcement

Tuesday. Eurotunnel PLC, the operators of Le Shuttle, which is due to start service May 8, announced round-trip fares for a car and its passengers ranging from £220 (\$329) in the winter months to £310 in the peak period, normally July and

August.

But, to take advantage of the novelty value of the 50-kilometer (31-mile) tunnel between England and France at its opening. Le Shuttle announced that summer would come two

months early this year, with peak fares being charged in May and June as well. We are totally confident the prices we have

put into the market are right. Christopher Garnett, Eurotunnel's commercial director, said at a news conference. But the news of the higher-than-expected fares - the predicted range of ticket prices had

been £160 to £260 - cheered the tunnel's chief competitors, the operators of English Channel "We are pleasantly surprised by their fares."

said Sue Kirk, a spokeswoman for Siena Sealink, one of the major ferry operators.

Stena Sealink, owned by Stena AB of Sweden, operates five 20.000-ton ferries between Dover and Calais, It announced new fares last week that are as much as £100 lower than Le Shuttle's - except on peak summer days, when surcharges make it £10 higher than Le Shuttle. Investors reacted to the fare announcement by selling Eurotunnel shares on London's stock exchange, driving the price down as much as 21

pence to 599 at one point; it ended at 610 pence, down 10. The fares announced Tuesday pertain only to the car drivers' and passengers' crossings between the English and French port cities. Fares for the through train service between London and Paris and London and Brussels via the tunnel are due to be announced in the spring. Because of delays in building the special rail

cars required, that service is not expected to begin until July at the earliest. Shortages of carriages also will plague Le Shuttle, which promises to whisk cars through the tunnel in 35 minutes. Mr. Garnett conceded that even by August, when Le Shuttle is due to be operating four trains an hour each way, some of them will be half the normal 24-carriage

Because of this scarcity of capacity. Le Shuttle will not start carrying buses until Sept. 5.

after the peak tourist season ends. Some analysts saw the shortage of rolling stock as the key to Le Shuttle's surprisingly high fares. They said Eurotunnel may have

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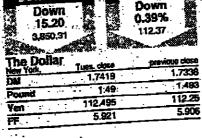
Ireland to End IRA Broadcast Ban

DUBLIN (Remers) - The Irish government said Tuesday is would end a 20-year han on broadcasting by the frish Republican Army and its political arm, Sinn Fein, in an effort to persuade the IRA to accept an Angle-Irish peace deal. The decision marked a shift by the government, which

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said last month the ban would be lifted only if Sinn Fein agreed to the peace plan. But the government warned of laws forbidding the broadcast of "anything which may be reasonably regarded as being likely to promote, incite to crime, or tend to under-

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mine the authority of the state."

Although anecdotal evidence of the birth "wu naor" babies, a phrase that means "no brain" and describes anencephaly, has long been known, the incidence of this and other neural tube defects has only recently become

The result was birth defects.

It is now known that 80,000 to 100,000 Chinese babies a year are born with such

defects, of which anencephaly is the most catastrophic. Another form of neural tube defect is spina bifida, an open or exposed spine. Although in many developed countries children born with spina bifida may survive into adulthood, in China most of these infants are born dead or die in the first year. Medical scientists now understand how to prevent half or more of all neural tube defects

with the addition of folic acid, a B vitamin, to An urgent program financed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, in cooperation with China's Ministry of Health and Beijing Medical University, is trying to reduce the incidence of this defect over the next several years by dispens-

ing millions of folic acid pills. R. J. Berry, a physician at the U.S. health agency, is helping to supervise a \$1-million-ayear pilot program in four Chinese provinces and 12,000 villages. He says that the potential impact of a mass program to give folic acid

would be at least as great, in terms of preventing debilitating defects, as the mass vaccination program against polio in the 1950s.
"China has the highest incidence of these defects in the world." Dr. Berry said. "World." wide, there are probably 200,000 to 300,000 pregnancies a year that have them." By com-

supplements to prospective mothers in China

parison to China's 80,000 to 100,000 cases, the United States has 2,000 to 3,000. A farmer's wife in this northern China village last year gave birth to a wu naor baby. Down a dirt path in the same village. Zheng Xiuqing, 26, another farmer's wife, who works during the day making cardboard boxes in a local factory, hopes to conceive her

first child in the new year. Her staple diet during the winter is boiled or steamed cabbage, which contains little

Since Oct. 1, she has been taking folic acid See CHINA, Page 4

a member of Mr. Zhirinovsky's

Both the Duma and the upper

house, or Federation Council, en-

and a bomb threat - as they tried

monies and the absence of live tele-

The old parliament building which was bashed and blackened

by army tanks in the October un-

rest, has been lavishly refurbished

build new quarters elsewhere for

As a result, the legislators met on

Tuesday across the street from the

to the trade council of the Warsaw

Pact, Comecon. The Federation

Council met in even smaller quar-

ters and had to vote by show of

hands because electronic voting

machines have not yet been in-stalled. At one point, the council's

acting chairman had to leave the

gested that the anti-reform bloc is

about 20 votes shy of a controlling

The upper house, comprising

mostly local and provincial offi-

cials, is likely to act as a force for

stability, blocking any extreme

majority in the 450-seat Duma.

dured a measure of confusion



Moscow police keeping a protester with a Soviet flag away from the building where the new Russian parliament was meeting Tuesday.

Yeltsin Takes On Lenin and His Heirs

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

MOSCOW - In a report meant to strike a new blow at the memory of Lenin and to undermine latter-day Communists, President Boris N. Yeltsin has officially rehabilitated the victims of the deadly Bolshevik repression of the Kronstadt uprising of 1921.

The uprising had a special place in Soviet history because the rebels were not "bourgeois reactionaries," but revolutionary sailors and soldiers protesting the increasingly autocratic and repressive policies of the Bolshe-

"counterrevolutionary conspiracy," and, acting on Lenin's orders, his war commissar, Trotsky, crushed the uprising in a brutal assault followed by mass executions, deportations and repressions.

In his decree on Monday, Mr. Yeltsin declared that "in the interest of restoring historical justice" he was rescinding the 1921 order outlawing participants in the Kronstadt uprising and declared illegal the repres-

sive measures taken against them. He also ordered a memorial to the victims to be erected in Kronstadt.

Mr. Yeltsin's decree came on the eve of the first session of the new Russian parliament, and the president's spokesman openly acknowledged that it was meant as a reminder to followers of the militant Communist bloc to look at the bloody trail you left and to draw a lesson." There are reports that Communists plan to play a major obstructive role

Although the findings of the report by the President's Commission for the Rehabilitation of Victims of Political Repression were not likely to surprise Western historians, the declaration that the suppression was illegal and unjust marked the first time Moscow has officially laid the genesis of Soviet terror at the feet of Lenin, the hallowed founder of the

Alexander N. Yakovlev, the new head of Russian television, who is chairman of the commission, underscored that point at a "All the repressions, camps, hostage-tak-ings, mass deportations, executions without trial, even the execution of children, were not invented by Stalin," he said. "He was just the Great Continuer of Lenin's task. It all began under Lenin."

A bastion of revolutionary ardor during the 1917 Revolution, the soldiers, sailors, and workers of the Kronstadt garrison turned on the Bolshevik government in 1921, charging that it had usurped the revolution and was creating a new autocracy. Kronstadt is a town and naval fortress on Kotlin Island, 30 kilometers (18 miles) west of St. Petersburg. An angry demonstration on March 1, 1921,

turned into a full-scale mutiny.

Lenin, Trotsky, and others ordered the uprising crushed. The first assault failed, and many soldiers defected to the mutineers. The second time, a Red Army force of about 50,000 crushed the rebellion.

Thousands of rebels fled across the ice to Finland, but those who did not were either executed, deported, or exiled to special concentration camps in the far north, from which

Yeltsin Urges Calm In New Parliament

Little Fanfare as Legislature Opens in Makeshift Quarters

By Fred Hiatt and Margaret Shapiro

MOSCOW --- President Boris N. Yeltsin opened Russia's new pariament on Tuesday with an appeal for calm and cooperation, but the fractions legislature's first day in makeshift quarters presaged any-thing but smooth sailing.

Mr. Yeltsin, whose confrontation with the previous parliament ended in a bloody battle in central Moscow in October, pledged to up-hold the new constitution and meet frequently with legislative leaders. He said Russia's new bicamera parliament, elected Dec. 12, should usher in a new era of legality and compromise in Russian politics.

But the dominant figure in the new lower house, or State Duma, was the ultranationalist leader VIadimir V. Zhirinovsky, who swept in with a phalanx of bodyguards. By afternoon, Mr. Zhirinovsky was yelling for the police to maintain order and demanding that micro-phones be switched off after scores former parliament, in a high-rise office building that once belonged of deputies protested the incompe-tence of the temporary chairman

Mitterrand Crazy, Zhirinovsky Says

MOSCOW — The Russian ultranstionalist Vladimir V. Zhirin-ovsky suggested Tuesday that President François Mitterrand of

Mr. Zhirinovsky attacked a pro-

stage to fetch a chair for himself.

Most deputies took such indignities in stride, but many predicted a
new confrontation between the president and the parliament in the months ahead. Mr. Zhirinovsky's ultranationalists and anti-reform France had gone mad for propos-ing possible air strikes in Bosnia. legislators from the Communist and Agrarian parties outnumber pro-Yeltsin deputies in the Duma. Procedural votes cast Tuesday sug-

posal by France and Britain to force Serbs to allow relief flights to Muslim communities in Bosnia-Herzegovina. "Mitterrand's proposal to bomb Bosnian cities is real ascism," he said. "Mitterrand, in his dotage, has gone crazy."

> measures passed by the Duma, sev-eral deputies said. "I think relations between the president and the Federation Council will be, if not close, then at least constructive," said Boris Nemtsov, an upper house deputy.

"With the Duma, by all appearances, there will be conflict." The constitution gives parliament little direct control over policy, although it must approve Mr. Yeltsin's budget. But Mr. Nemtsov and others said they feared that the legislature could achieve an imme-diate effect if Mr. Yeltsin deemed it.

politically necessary to jettison re-formers from his cabinet. Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, addressing the Duma on Tuesday morning while Mr. Yeltsin spoke to the Federation Council, omised an end to radical reforms quently voiced doubts about a policy of rapid change, while Mr. Yeltsin's more radical advisers say Russia's problems stem from not moving fast enough to dismantle the cumbersome and inefficient

command economy. Mr. Yeltsin said that "cooperation should become the key ele-ment of the relationship" between the legislative and executive branches. He urged all political forces to agree on the "full exclu-sion of violence from the country's politics" and to stay away from

revolutionary rhetoric and all-ornothing politics. **Poll Shows Italy**

Leaning to Left

ROME - A poll published Tuesday forecast that 40 percent of Italians would vote for leftist par-ties as President Oscar Luigi Scal-faro prepared to dissolve Italy's scandal-stained Parliament and call early elections.
The findings in the C1RM survey

were likely to galvanize efforts by the splintered political center and right to unite in a challenge to the left in elections now expected in late March or April. The newspaper La Repubblica

said: "The key fact which emerges from the figures is this: A united left will win if the right stays divid-Political analysts believe Mr.

Scalfaro will act by this weekend to dissolve the Parliament, whose le-gitimacy has been buried under the weight of a long-running corrup-

WORLD BRIEFS

Berlin Eases Citizenship for Exiles

BERITN (Resters) - A German count ruled Thesday that all the descendants of tens of thousands of Germans — mainly Jews — who were driven into exile by the Nazis and stripped of their crizenship had a

right to take up German nationality again.

Until now, courts had interpreted the law to mean that this right could

be given only to the sons and daughters of those stripped of their nationality for political, racial or religious reasons.

The Federal Administrative Court made the ruling following an appeal by the grandchildren of a Jewish couple who emigrated to Brazil in 1932. and were stripped of their citizenship in 1941. It said the decision was in-keeping with Germany's avowed aim of atoming for the Nazi regime's crimes against humanity.

Kidnappers Free Briton in Somalia and a from these — as they then to establish ground rules in small chambers ill-equipped for their work. The inadequate quarters, the lack of pomp in their opening cere-

MOGADISHU, Somalia (Renters) — Somali kidnappers released Calum Gardner, a British aid worker, unharmed in Mogadisha on Tuesday after about 24 hours of negotiations between his employer, the

UN World Food Program, and a clan elder.

"He is out but he is not physically yet in the office," said Geanno Londesani, head of the agency. "He is on his way. I just spoke to him by radio and he is very well and in very good humor."

Mr. Londesani declined to say who had seized Mr. Gardoer or where he had been from a life of the land who had seized the consequence of the land. vision coverage all reflected Mr. Yeltsin's desire to play down the importance of the legislative

he had been freed. No faction or clan claimed responsibility for the

Islamic Gunmen Kill Algeria Official

only to be claimed by Mr. Yeltsin's prime minister and his cabinet. Yeltsin aides have said the govern-ment will spend \$500 million to ALGIERS (AP) - Islamic gunmen ambushed and killed a government official and his armed escort Tuesday, state television reported.

Mohammed Bellai, prefect of the Tissemalt region 280, kilometers (175 miles) southwest of the capital, was on his way to inspect the town of cossonia. Prefects are the military-backed government's top adminis trative officials in each of Algeria's 26 departments.

The attack coincided with the second anniversary of the military coup that halted parliamentary elections that fundamentalists were wanting, triggering the revolt. The size of Mr. Bellal's escort was not disclosed in the report; witnesses said it included 10 police officers and soldiers.

Afghan Factions Resume Skirmish

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (Renters) — Rival Afghan factions bombed each other's strongholds in Kabel on Tuesday, resulting fighting after an overnight lull, Afghan and United Nations sources in Pakistan said.

No estimate of casualties was available from the latest round of fighting between forces loyal to President Burhamoddin Rabbani and his opponents, led by General Abdul Rashid Dastam, an ex-Communist

northern warlord, and Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar.

The UN spokesman said the fighting was likely to continue because neither side was in a position to win. More than 10,000 people have died in battles for power in Kabul since General Dustam defected to the mujahidin, which enabled the faction to topple the former Communist admirestration in 1902 and install on Jelemin confirm administration in 1992 and install an Islamic coalition government.

Sydney Area Braces for More Fires

SYDNEY (Reuters) — Fire fighters worked frantically Tuesday to contain several major bush fires around Sydney as forecasts of warmer weather and stiffer winds raised fears that more fire storms could exupt. "The weather tomorrow, Thrusday and Friday is not good, and the weather on Saturday is going to be bloody awful," said Terry Griffiths, emergency services minister for the state of New South Wales. "On emergency services minister for the state of New South Wales. "On Saturday we may go to hell and back again."

About 150 fires continued to blaze across the state on Tuesday. Four

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people have been killed and more than 190 homes destroyed in the fires, which have raged throughout New South Wales and Sydney's northern and southern suburbs for two weeks.

Duchess of Kent to Become Catholic

LONDON (AP) - The Duchess of Kent, one of the most popular members of the royal family, announced Tuesday that she was leaving the Church of England to become a Roman Catholic.

British law forbids the monarch — the head of the Church of England

— from being a Catholic or marrying a Catholic, but the duchess's decision raised no legal or constitutional issues. Her husband, the Duke of Kent, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, retains his position as 18th in succession to the throne, because the duchess, 60, was an Anglican when

they married in 1961.

A spotessman for the decises spessed that the decision was entirely personal and utilitiated to cartein issues attenting the royal faintly of the Church of England.

Honduran Military Boasts of Killings

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AFP) - The Honduran military has confirmed that it abducted and killed 184 suspected leftists in the 1980s, saying it was proud of its performance in the context of the Cold War. and a new period of "stabiliza- About 60 members of the Armed Forces High Council also expressed tion." Mr. Chernomyrdin has fre- full confidence in their embattled chief, General Luis Alonso Discus." whom a government report has named as the person primarily responsi-

the council accepted the findings of the report on the politically motivated killings issued last mouth by a human rights ombudsman. Leo Valladares. But it said that the so-called disappearances "cannot and must not be analyzed in a radical way, outside the ideological, political and economic context that characterized the Cold War."

Correction

Because of an editing error, a New York Times article in the Jan. 6 editions incorrectly stated the financial year of Toyota Motor Corp. The company's financial year ends June 30.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Crews Try to Dike Flooded Rhone

PARIS (AP) — Helicopters and dozens of work crews dumped hundreds of sandbags and concrete blocks Tuesday into the Rhone River to dike the swollen waterway, which threatens towns in the Camargue lowlands of southern France.

in the nearby Vanchuse, 600 fire fighters and about 100 Foreign Legionnaires cleared debris and brought supplies to residents of the region, where flooding forced 6,000 people from their homes. The Saône River, rising at one centimeter (40 inches) per hour, forced the closure of southbound traffic on the main Paris-Lyon highway at Macon in Paris the Saine stabilized but lower electricals of the contral's.

Macon. In Paris, the Seine stabilized, but lower elevations of the capital's quays remained flooded

A finited test of smoke-free international flights will be conducted by United Airlines from March 1 to Sept. 30 and may be extended to all of United's 200 daily international flights if it proves popular. United will prohibit smoking on one of its two daily round-trips between New York and London. Smoking also will be banned on the daily flight from Los Angeles to Auckland, New Zealand and Melbourne, a journey of 6,504 miles (10,500 kilometers) that lasts 12 hours 50 minutes. (Bloomberg) In an effort to help end Bangkok's traffic jams, a high-powered citizens' group was begun Tuesday. Its chairman is Anand Panyarachun, who was Thailand's prime minister in 1991 and 1992.

(AP)

USAir was negligent in a March 1992 crash at New York's LaGuardia Airport in which 27 people were killed, a federal judge ruled Tuesday in Cleveland. USAir's Flight 405 crashed into Flushing Bay during takeoff in a snowstorm. Federal investigators said the crash was probably caused by ice and snow on the wings.

LONDON — Prime Minister John Major insisted Tuesday that his Conservative Party's "back to basics" program would continue despite a growing number of scandals infor aviation and shipping in Mr. Major's administration. The Times of London said Tuesday that Conservative volving Conservative politicians. Party sources had confirmed a close friendship between Lord Caithness, 45, and Jan Fitzalan-Howard, a former 'Of course it is about good standards and good values," Mr. Major said of his program. "What it is not about is a secretary to Princess Anne. Mrs. Fitzalan-Howard is sepawitch-hunt against individual transgressions." The prime minister spoke at a news conference in Brussels.

west of London.

rated from her husband, a lieutenant colonel in the army's elite Royal Scots Guards.

bedroom of the couple's home at Chipping Norton, north-

On Sunday, her husband quit his post as minister of state

Bedroom Scandals Plague Major's 'Back to Basics' Program

On Monday, a Conservative legislator, David Ashby, confirmed reports that he spent the New Year holiday with a male friend in a French hotel and shared a bed with him, but denied a homosexual relationship.

Mr. Ashiby said he recently decided to separate from his

wife, Silvana, after 28 years. But he returned home Monday

and he and his wife said they hoped to resolve their differ-Mr. Major, whose Conservatives have a narrow 17-seat

majority over all other parties combined in the 650-seat House of Commons, launched his campaign for a return to traditional values under the slogan "back to basics" at his party's annual convention in October. A week ago, Tim Yeo, the minister of state for the environment, confirmed he had fathered a child by his mistress, a local Conservative council woman. Mr. Yeo re-

ined with his wife but said he was paying child support "As we go through the next few weeks and months." Major said, "and people see the real substance of the

program, what it is about for themselves and their lives, what it is expected to mean, then I believe the very warm initial reception that it had will be maintained."

Currency Reporting Takes a Legal Hit

where he was attending the North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-

The latest in a series of scandals involving the personal

lives of Tory politicians came Tuesday with reports that the

wife of Lord Caithness shot herself after an argument about her husband's alleged friendship with another woman.

Diana Caithness, 40, was found dead Saturday in a

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court made it harder on Tuesday to convict people of violating the federal currency-report-

tion summit meeting.

prosecutors must prove that people charged with evading the law knew they were committing a crime. The high court reversed the convictions of Waldemar and Loretta Ratzlaf of Portland, Oregon, for

involving an Oregon couple, said

trying to pay a \$160,000 gambling debt through multiple payments of less than \$10,000 each. Federal law requires banks to report all currency transactions of \$10,000 or more to the government. The 1986 Money Laundering Con-trol Act makes it illegal to organize

reporting requirement. Not all currency structuring serves a blatantly improper goal, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court.

navments in an effort to evade the



mit a felony against the United States by making cash deposits in small doses, fearful that the bank's reports would increase the likeli-The court, ruling 5 to 4 in a case hood of burglary, or in an endeavor to keep a former spouse unaware of his wealth," she wrote.

But Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote in dissent that "Waldemar Ratzlaf - to use an old phrase will be laughing all the way to the

Mr. Ratzlaf "was anything but uncomprehending as he traveled from bank to bank converting his bag of cash to cashier's checks in \$9,500 bundles," Justice Blackmun

The Ratzlafs were gamblers with lines of credit at 15 casinos in New Jersey and Nevada. In October 1988, Waldemar Ratzlaf lost \$160,000 while playing blackjack at a Nevada casino.

in Nevada and California to buy cashier's checks of less than \$10,000 each to pay the debt. The Internal Revenue Service

nizing financial transactions to "I differ totally with their meth-evade the currency-reporting re-ods, but it seems to me that they are force of about 2,000, seized control It also state travel in aid of racketeering.

U.S. Senators Firm on North Korea

The Associated Press

SEOUL - North Korea must pledge to renounce terrorism and halt missile sales and must resolve suspicions over its nuclear program before normalizing relations with the United States, a U.S. senator said Tuesday.

The senator, Sam Nunn of Georgia, who is chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, warned of the danger of a nuclear-armed North Korea but said the problem must be handled without endangering peace on the Korean

"North Korea must satisfy all IAEA inspections," Mr. Nunn said, referring to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Senator Richard G. Lugar, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that North Korea's compliance with an inter-Korea accord for a nuclear-free peninsula also was a prerequisite for improved ties between Washington and Pyong-

The two senators left Tuesday for the United States after a four-day visit that included talks on nuclear and other security issues with President Kim Young Sam and other South Korean officials. They had visited Russia and Japan before coming

The United States has no formal ties with North

Rorea, but has expressed a willingness to improve ties if the Communist North accepted full nuclear

Mr. Nunn said the issue could be resolved satisfactorily if Japan. South Korea and the United States worked together in consultation with China and Russia. He said the North must allow inspections of its seven declared nuclear facilities as well as two sites

that it has not declared as part of its nuclear U.S. officials believe that the two undeclared sites, adjacent to North Korea's main nuclear complex of Yongbyon, 50 kilometers (30 miles)

New Missile Reported

The journal Jane's Sentinel said Tuesday that a new North Korean missile, which can carry a nuclear warhead, has a range of up to 1,070 kilo-meters, although on a test flight in May it covered only 530 kilometers, Reuters reported.

north of Pyongyang, are nuclear dump facilities. North Korea denies this.

The military journal said the missile, called Rodong in Korean, is 15 meters (50 feet) long and similar in design to the Scud missile used by Iraq in the Gulf War. Its range would enable it to reach western Japan.

The couple went to several banks in Nevada and California to buy Mexican Envoy Offers to See Rebels ashier's checks of less than

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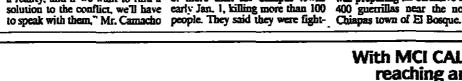
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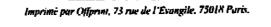
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* POLITICAL NOTES*

Americans' Support for President Stays Firm

ARLINGTON, Virginia - President Bill Clinton's standing with the public has remained firm in recent weeks despite allegations that he was unfaithful to his wife when he was governor of Arkansas, according to a nationwide poll published Tuesday.

The survey also found that Americans were almost evenly divided on whether an independent counsel should investigate Mr. Clinton's

involvement in an Arkansas real-estate deal.

Of those surveyed in the USA Today-CNN-Gallup poil, 47 percent said that enough already had been done to investigate the Whitewater Development Corp. deal, while 45 percent said an independent counsel was needed. Whitewater was a project for vacation homes in Arkansas in which Mr. Clinton, his wife, Hillary, and the head of a now-defunct savings and loan had invested.

Nearly three in four people surveyed said they were unsure whether Mr. Clinton had done anything wrong in the deal, while 15 percent said they believed he had done nothing wrong, and 12 percent said they believed he had.

The president has denied wrongdoing, and no allegations have been made against him.

In the poll, 54 percent approved Mr. Clinton's job performance, the same as in mid-December. The number who said they had a favorable opinion of Mr. Clinton rose to 62 percent, from 55 percent in November. In the same time period, those who rated Mr. Clinton as honest and trustworthy declined from 54 percent to 49 percent.
While 29 percent said they believed allegations that Mr. Clinton had had extramarital affairs while he was governor, 6 in 10 said that it was not relevant to his ability to serve as president.

In the poll, which has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus three percentage points. 1,023 adults were surveyed by telephone Thursday through Saturday.

(AP)

Under Clinton, a New-Look Federal Judiciary

WASHINGTON -- President Clinton is changing the look of the federal judiciary.
During his first year in office, more than half of Mr. Clinton's

minees for federal judgeships were women or members of racial and ethnic minorities, a proportion dramatically higher than during any previous administration. Presidents Reagan and Bush named white men to 82 percent of the avidlable judgeships in their combined 12 years in office. In contrast,

39 percent of Mr. Clinton's first 48 nominees were white men. Unlike the elected branches of government, the federal judiciary remains the province mostly of white men. Among the 837 federal judges, 5 percent are black and about 10 percent are women. Among Mr. Clinton's judicial nominees so far, 23 percent are black, 35 percent are women and 6 percent are Hispanics.

Féliow Republicans Do Bush's Dirty Work

ATLANTA - Former President Bush does not want to criticize Bill Clinton. Wouldn't be prudent. Wouldn't be nice.

And hasn't been necessary, thanks to other Republicans "I vowed when I left the White House that I would not criticize our president for a while," Mr. Bush said this week, "The beauty is, others don't feel that way."

Quote/Unquote

Andrew Natsios, special humanitarian envoy to Somalia under Mr. Bush, on the effectiveness of sanctions in Haiti and the former Yugoslavia: "Sanctions are an easy way for the State Department to avoid action that might really count in a complex crisis. In that sense, they are worse than doing nothing. They are a cop-out." (Reuters)

way From Politics

Clintons Trip Up Their Spin Doctors

Resistance to Inquiry Into Land Deal Stymies Efforts to Control the Debate

By Gwen Ifill

House officials and advisers who prietor of a failed Arkansas savings shape the administration's public image have been hobbled in their effort to control debate over the investigating whether the institu-Clintons' involvement in tion, Madison Guaranty Savings Whitewater Development Corp. by and Loan, improperly funneled the president and his wife, who the president and his wife, who have resisted internal calls for further investigation. While President Bill Clinton

traveled to Arkansas to bury his mother and then left for his first presidential trip to Europe, his aides were meeting twice a day, appearing on television and trying to answer new questions about the Clintons' role in the Arkansas real estate deal from 1978 to 1984.

But while White House officials conceded in interviews that the public debate over Whitewater had grown too damaging to ignore, Mr. Clinton and his wife, Hillary, contime to maintain that they owe explanations to no one because they did nothing wrong.

So aides plan a counteroffensive combining indignation, suggestions that the Clintons might give more information and charges that questions about Whitewater are politically motivated.

But their position has been erod-ed by defections within their own party. On Monday, aides to three Democratic senators — Charles S. Robb of Virginia, Russell D. Feingold of Wisconsin and Bill Bradley of New Jersey — said the senators had joined the call for the appointment of a special counsel. A day earlier, another Demo-

cratic senator, Daniel Patrick Moy-nihan of New York, made a similar statement, joining leading Republi-cans including Senator Bob Dole of Kansas, the minority leader.

"There should be only one goal in this matter: to get all the facts out," Mr. Bradley said in a statement. The best way to do that would be to act under the provisions of an independent counsel law. In the absence of such a law, I believe this goal can best be achieved by the appointment of a special prosecutor, provided that the allegations meet the threshold test under the law."

Such criticism from Clinton supporters has clearly undercut the accusation that all questions about Whitewater are politically motivated. Along the way, the usually speedy White House damage-control operation has been rendered virtually ineffective.

The affair centers on the Clintons' partnership in Whitewater

Development, a vacation-home de-New York Times Service velopment in northern Arkansas, WASHINGTON — The White with James B. McDougal, the proand loan institution, and his wife, Susan. The Justice Department is Clinton's 1984 campaign for gover-

nor of Arkansas. Last week, David R. Gergen, the counselor to the president, ac-knowledged on CNN that he did questions on the matter.

George Stephanopoulos, a senior Clinton adviser, was soon echoing Mr. Gergen's frustration, even though he denied that the Clintons had been less than forthright.

"There are examples, such as in this case, where there is incomplete documentation," Mr. Stephano-poulos said as he tried to answer why the Clintons never claimed as a loss on their income tax returns the \$69,000 they have said the Whitewater deal cost them.

documents we can. We're trying to reconstruct something that happened a long time ago

The White House defense, as ex-pressed by Vice President Al Gore, Mr. Gergen, Mr. Stephanopoulos and Bruce Lindsey, all senior presidential aides, is mostly offense. Together with Harold M. Ickes, the deputy chief of staff brought in to shepherd the president's healthcare proposal through Congress, they have developed three primary themes to cope with the continuing

The first is that the Clintons have Myers, the press secretary, and oth-

The second is that a special prosecutor is not needed. The standard of alleged criminal wrongdoing has not been met, both Mr. Gore and to reflect a belief that the board, Attorney General Janet Reno have headed by Daniel A. Mica, a forsaid, although Ms. Reno has left mer Democratic representative the door open to appointing such from Florida, is leaning toward ac-an investigator should Congress re-cepting the invitation of the Czech vive the law that created the position of independent counsel.

Finally, the White House contends that Washington is diseased. Mrs. Clinton, Mr. Gergen and Mr. Gore have insisted that the questions about Whitewater are purely political in nature and the fruit of ealousy. Mr. Gore and Mr. Gergen suggested that it was particularly inappropriate to question Mr. Clinton on the matter so soon after his mother's death last week.

Slow Death in the Irradiated Desert

By Michael Janofsky

New York Times Service WASHINGTON, Utah - A 1955 U.S. government brochure distributed to people living near the nuclear weapon test site in the Nevada desert greeted readers with the words, "You are in a very real sense active participants in the nation's atomic test pro-

That part of the program, atmospheric testing, ended in 1963. Yet many who still live in the area consider themselves as "active" as ever, victims of the Cold War and survivors of. decades of disease and death that they are certain were caused by exposure to radioactive fallout.

They are known as the downwinders because their homes were in the path of prevailing winds fanning east from the test site, through Nevada towns like Caliente, Ash Springs and Pioche and into northern Arizona, southwestern Utah and beyond. They are people like Arlene Davis, 38, a

mother of three boys who grew up in Cedar City, Utah, and later moved 50 miles (80 kilometers) south to Washington, a town of 3,000 people. As a child, Mrs. Davis joined her family in

backyard picnics to watch the giant plumes of colored clouds from explosions dance over the hills, a vision they sainted as a symbol of American vigilance and might. Today, she said in an interview, she consid-

ers herself lucky to have survived breast can-

While it may be impossible to quantify the number of people affected by radiation exposure since the first open-air nuclear explosion in Nevada on Jan. 27, 1951, they have drawn limited attention from the federal govern-

In 1990, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act created a trust fund to compensate those people, or their survivors, whose cancer ermined to have been caused by radia-

But with narrow criteria for qualification and just \$200 million available, many downwinders have grown embittered by what they regard as an inadequate government re-

Expressions of sympathy from Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary and promises by the Clinton administration to investigate reports of government-sanctioned medical radiation experiments after World War II have softened attitudes made callous by so many years of family devastation.

They could never, ever compensate me enough," said Claudia Peterson, 38, of St. George, Utah, a friend of Mrs. Davis's and a mother who lost her 6-year-old daughter. Bethany, and a 37-year-old sister to cancer.

"I can't close my eyes and think about my daughter without it physically tearing my heart out," she said. "And I'm just one story.

What's so sad is that mine is no different than my neighbor's or someone down the street's." The downwinders' dismay has been heightened by the tight eligibility requirements of the 1990 legislation

With compensation available for 13 kinds of cancer, the Justice Department had approved 818 of 1,460 claims, or 56 percent, ough last week. Mrs. Davis was one person who qualified, gaining the maximum award of \$50,000, which covered most of her medical bills. But all that means, she said, was that she was "lucky enough to have the right

Cancer of the stomach, esophagus and pancreas, among others, also qualified, but because Bethany Petersen died of a nervoussystem cancer, which is a type of cancer not covered by the legislation, her parents have no more than suspicion that her illness was caused by radiation exposure.

In their lawsuits charging the government with negligence or with failure to warn people of the risks of radiation exposure, the downwinders have prevailed in court only once. In 1984, a Salt Lake City Court found that

10 of 24 plaintiffs were entitled to compensation because the government had failed to warn of the consequences of exposure.

But the decision was reversed three years later when an appeals court in Denver ruled that the government had taken adequate steps to protect people in the area.

"We're answering as best as we can," he said. "We're getting all the Radio Free Europe Chief Quits Over Plan to Move

By John M. Goshko Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - William W. Marsh, president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, has re-signed after three months in office to protest what he fears will be a decision to move the U.S.-financed radio stations from their long-time headquarters in Munich to Prague.

In a letter to the Board for International Broadcasting the inde-pendent parent organization of the stations, Mr. Marsh said his resigdone nothing wrong, which is re-peated with emphasis by Dee Dee nation was a direct consequence of the board's dissatisfaction with my expressed reservations regarding a transfer of RFE/RL's broadcast operations to Prague."

His letter on Monday appeared Republic's president, Vaclav Havel, to move to the building in Prague once occupied by the Czechoslovak federal legislature.

However, sources said the board did not intend to make a decision

financial implications of moving to would place too great a strain on thereby damaging staff morale and In his resignation letter, Mr.

until it received the results of a Marsh said he was concerned that dedicated and talented employees study by an accounting firm on the the costs of moving the radios would refuse to relocate to Prague, their budgets. In addition, he said, reducing the quality of the news many if not most of our most and cultural-affairs programming.

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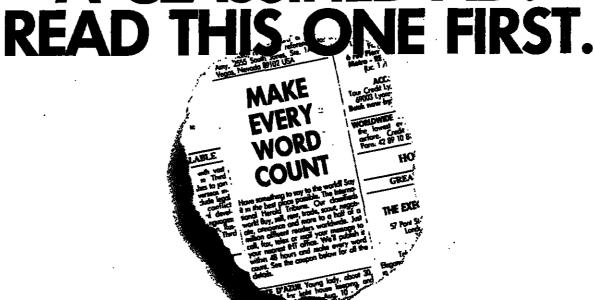
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Ex-Maid Says Jackson Was Naked With Boys

By Jim Newton

Los Angeles Times Service
LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson routinely shared his bed with young boys, kept a hidden closet containing photographs of children and installed a security system to alert him whenever anyone approached his bedroom, according to former employees interviewed as part of a lawsuit brought by a 13-year-old boy who says the entertainer molested him.

Partial transcripts of those depo-sitions were filed Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court as part of a motion brought by the boy's lawyer. The attorney argued that he should be given access to Mr. Jackson's financial records because there was a "substantial probability" that his client would

win his lawsnit. Also included was a declaration from the boy, who repeated the allegations he made to the police

and social workers last sumn The transcripts and other legal documents filed Monday provide the basis of the boy's lawsuit, detailing the evidence for the first time and summarizing the civil case against the pop star. They include sworn depositions from the singer's chauffeur, former maids and a for-

stantial direct and circumstantial evidence" that his client had been "sexually molested by Jackson."

Howard Weitzman, one of the lawyers representing Mr. Jackson, said the portions of the transcripts filed by Mr. Feldman misrepresented the depositions.

Among the partial transcripts attached to Mr. Feldman's motion are long excerpts from the sworn testimony of Blanca Francia, a former Jackson maid who has spoken to the police and given newspaper and television interviews. Her statements in her Dec. 15. deposition were her first given under oath.

Ms. Francia worked for Mr. Jackson for five years beginning in 1986. In her deposition, she de-tailed a number of instances in which she said she saw the entertainer naked or partly clothed with young boys.

South Africa Cave-In Kills 9 Agence France-Presse

JOHANNESBURG — Nine miners were killed and two were missing in a cave-in late Monday at a gold mine 1,800 meters underground near Carltonville, South Africa.

The boy's attorney, Larry R.

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mother day to empty all oil from a barge that hit a reef.

Subway riders accustomed to panhandlers' pleas are hearing a new appeal from New York transit officials asking them not to give.

Announcements echoed through the public address system and passengers received fliers saying: "Don't give to the lawbreakers on the subway. Give to charities that help people in need," The Transit Authority said it would threaten "incorrigible" beggars with jail.

A blown tire caused a fire in the landing gear of a Continental

Airlines jet as it touched down at Denver's Stapleton International Airport. Three people suffered minor injuries exiting the plane.

♠ A Roman Catholic diocese has paid at least \$3.2 million to 19 men

and women since 1990 to settle complaints of sexual abuse against nine priests, The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The most recent payments by the Camden, New Jersey, diocese, totaling \$1.8 million,

were made in October to 15 adults who accused priests of molesting

• Trackers and bus drivers who use radar detectors face a crackdown

by the Federal Highway Administration starting this month. A law beauting such use of radar detectors takes effect Jan. 20. • A tokuttary rating system for cable television programs would be developed under an agreement in principle reached by industry representatives that also envisages an outside monitor for violent content. Sources said the agreement was very preliminary.

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Grim Discovery in Sri Lanka

Graves May Hold Remains of 48 Youths

By Molly Moore and John Ward Anderson Washington Post Service

SURIYAKANDA, Sri Lanka - High on a cloud-shrouded mountaintop in southern Sri Lanka, the authorities have discovered two mass graves filled with the skulls and bones of dozens of bodies that many local residents believe may be evidence of one of the most brutal government crackdowns in this island nation's history.

Hundreds of local townspeople have converged on the graves, convinced that the skeletons and tattered clothing pulled from the burial site are those of some of the 48 schoolboys and young men allegedly abducted by government death squads four years ago. The grave was uncovered last week after a tip from an unidentified informant who said that as many as 300 bodies were buried along the mountain summit, just yards from two heavily guarded state-owned communications and televi-

Mothers, fathers and siblings sobbed and wailed as the grave diggers lifted skulls with dirty rags still tied across mouths and eye sockets, the soiled orange robe of a monk and the blue shorts of a schoolboy, according to witnesses who helped re-cover the first bones, found Jan. 3.

Sistira Kumara Gunaratne, 54, said he screamed in anguish as a grimy orange and brown striped cloth was pulled from the red clay hole. "It's the sarong my son was wearing the night they took him away," he recalled shouting. "I could not believe my eyes."

The uncarthing of the graves - the first mass burial site of apparent civilian casualties found on the island — has reopened wounds from Sri Lan-ka's 11-year civil war. Human rights activists and political and military analysts estimate that between 30,000 and 40,000 people died in the con-flict, most between 1987 and 1990, when government security forces, organized as death squads, reportedly roamed the south of the island killing members of a pro-Communist Sinhalese group

that sought to topple the government.

The discovery of the mass grave came as human rights groups voiced concerns about new crackdowns on minority ethnic groups and the nation's news media, renewing fears of widespread human rights abuses.

Tens of thousands of young men were abducted and presumably killed between 1987 and 1990, including the 48 young men from the nearby town of Embilipitiya

In one school alone, 20 teenagers were reported-ly abducted, prompting a United Nations investi-

gation to allege that the school's principal had supplied the victims' names to the army. According to published reports, the principal targeted several pupils because they had teased his son.

Two days of excavation on the mountain have unearthed the skulls and skeletons of about 30 men and youths. Local authorities said many more remains were likely to be uncovered.

In the past few weeks, human rights organiza tions have criticized the government for indis-criminate detention of members of the Tamil ethnic group living in the capital, Colombo; for imposing emergency laws on the news media that ban publication or broadcast of anything critical of the president; and for taking a new hard-line stance against separatist guerrillas engaged in civil war in the northern and eastern sections of the country, where the militant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam want to establish a homeland.

"It has been the accepted wisdom for over a year that the human rights situation in Sri Lanka has been on the mend," a Sri Lankan rights group reported. "But recent developments bring out the deceptive nature of this position."

Government officials argue that President Dingiri Banda Wijetunga, whose predecessor, Rana-singhe Premadasa, was assassinated in May by a suicide bomber widely believed to be a member of the Liberation Tigers, has good cause for the crackdowns. Government investigators say they have discovered evidence of Liberation Tiger hit squads operating in Colombo, and the Tiger leadership has threatened to increase the tempo of its war in the north.

While Mr. Wijetunge generally has a reputation for running the government less harshly than Mr. Premadasa, some observers fear the government could easily resort to the brutal crackdowns of the

"It was the governing style of the previous president to use physical force," said Lucien Rajakarunanayake, a journalist who heads the Free Media Movement, which recorded 52 attacks on journalists in Sri Lanka between March 1992 and March 1993 under Mr. Premadasa. "This government uses rules to intimidate and curb you more

than physical force, but they will resort to it."

Mr. Wijetunge also quickly dashed hopes that he would be more accommodating than his predecessor in trying to negotiate a settlement to the civil war. He has argued that the conflict is about terrorism, not ethnic disputes, and that it calls for a military rather than a political solution.

About 74 percent of the island's 17.5 million people are Sinhalese, 18 percent are Tamils, and 7 percent are Muslims.

Cowardice on

Yugoslavia VATICAN CITY - The Valican condemned the international community Tuesday, saying it had acted in a criminally negligent manner by failing to help end the

war in the former Yugoslavia. In a letter to Roman Catholic bishops preceding the Jan. 23 world day of prayer for peace in the Balkans, the Vatican's Council for Justice and Peace said Europe was "dying" and that a collective lack of action was "the most shameful

"It is a crime of failing to help by letting people kill each other and to wait for a peace that would represent the rotten fruit of exhaustion or the crushing of one side by the other," the council said.

It added that the Vatican was optimistic that "peace is possible in the Balkans" on condition that "the international community, at all levels, has the courage to fully take on its responsibility to have human rights, humanitarian rights and international rights respected." The letter said that at "this crucial hour of negotiations," the in-

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Ukraine reincorporated into a

["I believe President Kravchuk

will honor the deal," Mr. Clinton

said Tuesday, according to The Associated Press in Brussels. "They've

already started to dismantle the

["This agreement guarantees compensation for Ukraine for their

enriched uranium," he added. Consultations continue, he said, on

"the question of Ukraine's security

military-political, economic, so-cial and ecological."

["As the details became known,"

Mr. Clinton said, "there will be more support for it."]

Administration officials travel-ing with Mr. Clinton suggested that Mr. Kravchuk might be able to

carry out the agreement without

going through parliament. Such a

move, however, risks provoking a

major political confrontation, and Mr. Kravchuk in the past has been eager to avoid that. Mr. Kravchuk

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ternational community must not try to resolve the minority issues in the former Yugoslavia by allowing members "are more prepared to deal with this than they were in August," but conceded that differfor the expulsion, displacement of the eradication of people.

UKRAINE: Pact May Be Delayed

Vatican Sees NATO Widens Threat of Bosnia Force

By R. W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service

PRAGUE - Members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization voted unanimously but with varying degrees of conviction on Tuesday for a broader but still highly conditional plan for the use of air strikes in the war in Bosnia-

Combining a British and French initiative with an American one, the alliance once again threatened to call in air strikes to save Saraje-

In a new departure, it also decided to study what steps it could take. including air strikes, to relieve Canadian peacekeeping troops trapped at Srebrenica, in northern Bosnia, and to reopen the airstrip at Tuzla, in central Bosnia. No air strikes are likely before

at NATO headquarters said, and some officials voiced fears that the new threats, like earlier ones, would prove to be mere words without weight. President Bill Clinton acknowledged that NATO had vowed in August to use air power to prevent the strangulation of Sarajevo, yet

had done nothing as the noose grew steadily tighter around the Bosnian capital.

He said he sensed that several

made no comment Tuesday on Mr.

In an effort to bolster Mr. Krav-

chuk politically and induce him into supporting the pact, Mr. Clin-

ton has added an airport stopover

in Kiev Wednesday to his itinerary. After meeting briefly with the Ukrainian leader Mr. Clinton will

travel on to Moscow for two days

of meetings with Mr. Yeltsin, The three men are set to get together to

sign the accord on Friday.

Mr. Kravchuk has had to post-

pone two official visits to the Unit-

ed States because of U.S. displeasure with Ukraine's failure to live

up to the nonnuclear pledge made

In addition to Russia and

Ukraine, the ex-Soviet republics of Belarus and Kazakhstan were left

with warheads. But both have stuck

by pledges to give them up and leave Russia as the sole inheritor of

the Soviet nuclear arsenal. Mr. Clinton has scheduled a stopover in

the Belarus capital, Minsk, to reward Belarus for having moved the most quickly to give up its nuclear

when the Soviet Union collapse.

Clinton's announcement.

coces remained. Mr. Clinton also strong leadership, resolve and persaid he did not know how many social conviction of the American NATO members would support air strikes when the crunch came.

"It depends largely on what the Bosnian Serbs do." Mr. Clinton said at a news conference following a two-day NATO summit meeting in Brussels.

Late Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Clinton arrived in Prague, where he was to meet meet with leaders of the East European nations whose immediate admission to NATO he opposed while holding out the

rospect of eventual membership. Welcomed to the strains of a symphony by Leos Janacek, Mr. Clinton walked later with President Vaciav Havel across the medieval Charles Bridge.

Still later Tuesday night the playright-turned-president escort-ed his guest, the lifelong politician, into the university quarter where the anti-Communist revolution of next month at the earliest, officers 1989 found its earliest supporters, and the two sat down in a pub to driak a beer or two.

All in all, it was a gratifying day for Mr. Clinton, as NATO accepted most of his proposals, but nag-ging doubts ching to his accom-plishments

"There is no more doubt about the United States and North American commitment to Europe," declared Manfred Worner, the

But Mr. Worner sounded a wistful note about the chances of decisive NATO action in Bosnia. "The instrument is there," he

said. "The main thing still is the political will." To which Mr. Clinton replied at a later appearance: "We'll see if our resolve is there. My resolve is

there. That's all I can tell you." Likewise, there was some doubt about the meaning of the Partnership for Peace, the program under which nonmembers - especially Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary — will move into closer relations with NATO.

U.S. officials insisted that there had been no pledge, implicit or explicit, by the West to come to the aid of East European nations if they were attacked. But Mr. Worner said on Monday that "we shall not leave you alone."

On the central question, that of expansion, the final communiqué aid the allies "expect and would welcome NATO expansion that would reach to democratic states to

A senior Clinton administration official, speaking en route from Brussels to Prague, said that Mr. Clinton would tell East European leaders on Wednesday that dit is now a question not of whether but NATO secretary-general. "I think when and how" NATO we everyone was impressed by the them in as new members. when and how" NATO would take

But Prime Minister John Major sonal conviction of the American of Britain said the NATO members had taken steps that "could lead" to new members but would not necessarily do so. Before that could happen, he added, prospective members had "much work to do."

On Bosma, according to American officials who briefed reporters in Brussels, a deal was eventually struck after much haggling over dimer on Monday night.

The United States accepted a British-French plan to ask NATO to study how to ensure that the Canadians in Srebrenica could be relieved by Datch troops, and to try to reopen the austrip at Tuzla for the delivery of rehet supplies. In return, the Americans got a reitera-tion of the pledge on Sarajevo.

■ New Casualties in Saraievo The New York Times reported

Artillery exchanges drew new blood in the besieged Bosnian capi-tal Tuesday and an exploding rocket prompted UN officials to close the city's airport for the seventh-straight day.

The shelling of Sarajevo by rebel Serbs killed six civilians, including a 9-year-old girl and wounded at least 40 more, hospital and morgue officials said. Bosnian Serbian Army sources said three civilians had been killed Tuesday in Muslim attacks on the Serbian-beld districts of Grbavica and Lukavica.



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In Prague Bar

Clinton showed off his saxojazz bar in Prague, playing two American classics to the applause of his hosts.

President Vaciav Havel had strolled through the city before stopping at the Golden Tiger restaurant for dinner. Among the 30 invited guests was the family of a young man with whom Mr. Clinton attended Oxford University 24

then moved on to the Reduta jazz club, a favorite haunt of anti-Communist dissidents before 1989, to meet Prime Minister Vaclay Klaus and his

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PRAGUE -- President Bill phone skills on Tuesday in a

Earlier, Mr. Clinton and

While waiting for the show to begin, Mr. Clinton played Gershwin's "Summertime" and the Rodgers and Hart classic "My Funny Valentine" on a saxophone presented to him by Mr. Havel. (AFP, AP)

To our readers in Great Britain

years ago. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Havel

tion Organization reportedly agreed Tuesday on a few key points that had been blocking implementation of their autonomy accord, but officials said the two sides remained mired in differences concerning the extent of Israeli withdrawal from Jeri-

Disagreement over who runs border crossings Sea resort.

Israel-PLO Talks Stall on Jericho and the size of autonomous areas has delayed the Dec. 13 target date for starting Israeli troop with-

from Jencho. While Israeli newspapers reported PLO agreement to an Israeli proposal for the Jericho area and Israel Radio reported that agreement had been reached on control of border crossings, negotiators from both sides said no final agreement had yet been reached in talks started Monday in this Red

CHINA: An Urgent Attack on Birth Defects

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pills given to her by the county medical clinic. She is doing this because she has seen color photographs of Chinese babies who died of neural tube defects. The photos are being given to all prospective mothers as part of the program urging them to enroll in the vitamin

supplement program. In Xiang He county, where the village of Wubaihu is situated, I baby in 100 is born with a neural tube defect and dies soon there-

the vitamin supplements. The program's sponsors have had to overcome rumors that the pills were a kind of sterilization

potion that would allow women to have just one pregnancy. But the campaign to photograph the nu-merous babies with birth defects has been a powerful tool to convince prospective mothers of the

threat from folic acid deficiency.

cive measures used at times to pre-vent mothers from having a second initial formation of the brain and child have led to some suspicion of spinal column. "The implication is that this defect can occur and have done its

damage before someone would actually realize that she is pregnant," Dr. Berry said. The presence of folic acid in the diet, studies now show, aids the action of the tissues that first rise as

ridges off the flat plain of fetal cells and then join to form the brain and spinal column, or neural tube. In the last three years, studies in treat neural tube defects with the It has not been easy to persuade some prospective mothers to take that a deficiency of folic acid during the pills. China's rigorous population-control program and the coertain the mast unce years, somes in the interest neural tube defects with the surgical procedures that in more developed nations can now prolong the life of many infants with spinal bifida.

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would not like."

from Mr. Zhirmovsky's misnamed Liberal

Democratic Party, which finished first in legis-

lative elections last month. The venomous Mr.

Zhirinovsky, who has already branded Mr.

Clinton a "coward" for snubbing him, will be

able to argue that the Americans only support

"I don't think a politician can ignore another politician, especially one who was elected like Clinton himself," said Alexander Shalvev, a

But Boris Nemtsov, governor of Nizhny Novgorod, said: "We should remember that people voted for Hitler, too." If Mr. Clinton

meets with him, he said, "it would make Zhirin-ovsky look like a respectable politician, which I

The meeting with the patriarch might seem

innocuous at first glance. Although he failed,

Alexei did try to mediate in last fall's crisis

But Alexei, like many top officials in the

Orthodox church, was believed to have had a close relationship with the KGB in the Commu-

nist era, even to the point of being assigned a secret alias: Agent Drozdof. And among the

Clinton is playing to his own political strength

as a communicator. But he may also inadver-

tently undermine his summit meeting partner,

Mr. Yeltsin, whose public appearances in re-

cent months have been few and far between.

between Mr. Yeltsin and the parliament.

democracy when the winners suit them.

columnist for the newspaper Izvestia.

Mr. Clinton peering out before appearing for his press conference at the end of the NATO summit meeting Tuesday in Brussels.

RUSSIA: Will Moscow Be Listening to Clinton's Fine-Tuned Message?

course the analysis we make by ourselves is the

basis for our own decisions."

Administration officials have struggled to get their lines straight in recent weeks, arguing about whether to ease off the Russians or press them toward more painful reform. Mr. Canton last week apparently settled on urging Mr. Yeltsin to stay the course with radical free-market reform—a position whose chief advocates got just 15 percent of the vote in last mouth's elections. He further urged "more attempts to build a safety net to deal with the consequences of reform."

But the to-ing and fro-ing in Washington has an air of unreality here, as it has coincided with the process of social decay and disorder that has led so many people here to vote for enemies

of last mouth. For example, along with their hangovers-New Year's weekend, Russians might have wo-ken up to any of the following news items:

Construction workers in St. Petersburg came upon an unexploded bombshell. But when the workers called for help, Russian Army specialists said they would only disarm the shell if they were paid in advance.

 A commercial banker who said he had been repeatedly threatened by Moscow's notoriously aggressive racketeers wrote several times to the Interior Ministry and other government agen-cies, pleading for help. After his letters went unanswered, he felt compelled to hold a press conference to get attention

The Federation of Russian Manufacturers, meeting in Krasnovarak, concluded that the

charman said only a third of all Russians could afford a basic basket of food staples. He spoke of plant closings, rising unemployment and phinmening production.

· After several years of falling real wages, the Economics Ministry predicted that incomes were again expected to decline in 1994 by a range of 3 percent to 5 percent. At the same time, unemployment was expected to rise.

• Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, the extreme nationalist whose party placed first in Russia's parliamentary elections Dec. 12, threatened to omihilate Germany in World War III.

In such a climate, many Russians may wonder, what difference does the finely honed message of an American president make?

In fashioning the president's themes and schedule, the White House has paid due attention to symbols. The U.S. policy is to support reformers and democrats of all stripes, to promote stability, and conciliation, and, of course, to back Mr. Xeitsin.

The samuat meeting schedule includes a reception for political leaders nearly spanning the ideological spectrum, designed to stress Mr. Cinton's backing for the democratic process.
There is a meeting with Paniarch Alexei II, head of the the Russian Orthodox Church, who some consider a force for social harmony and conciliation. And Mr. Clinton is to give a speech, followed by questions and answers, at the main state broadcasting center.

But at every stage, there is a risk that Mr. Cinton will hit a discordant note.

For example, the reception will feature more 90 political figures, but none of them

global trade agenda after last month's Uruguay Round agreement, President Bill Clinton began a campaign Tuesday for higher environmental and labor standards in developing countries, which he said would raise incomes and economic security around the world.

In a meeting with leaders of the European Union, Mr. Clinton also sought to enlist Europe's support to pressure Japan to further open its markets to imports of such items as

That pressure, as well as a wider effort to win greater tariff cuts and market openings before the Uruguay Round accord is signed on April 15, will be the focus of a meeting of trade ministers from Canada, Europe, Japan and the United States, likely to be held in Washington next week.

The meeting on Tuesday failed including film and television pro-

sides expressed determination to trade and investment." work quietly in those areas and avoid tough talk, at least for now.

The U.S. trade push, which followed the North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit meeting, underscored Mr. Clinton's persistent message since arriving in Europe on Sunday that economic well being was as critical to the security of the West as military might.

Mr. Clinton said deeper trade ties were essential for revitalizing Western economies and restoring job growth, the two conditions "at the heart of this new concept of

holds the EU rotating presidency.

And as he did at the NATO meeting in a military context. Mr. to make headway on some issues.

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there Wednesday night.

and public procurement. But both "America's most-valued partner in

Corporate America gets 60 percent of its overseas profits from Europe and employs 3 million Europeans, while 2.5 million American jobs depend on the \$120 billion in exports that the United States sends to Europe each year, he said at a breakfast meeting of business and political leaders.

Mr. Clinton urged the Union to further reduce its barriers to trade and investment with Eastern Europe to complement NATO's opening of military cooperation with the region. But Mr. Delors maintained that the Union was moving fast He spoke at a news conference enough to promote economic ties after meeting with Jacques Delors, with the East and noted that it, not president of the European Com- the United States, was absorbing mission, and Prime Minister An- the vast majority of Eastern exdreas Papandreou of Greece, which ports to the West following the collapse of the Communist bloc.

Mr. Clinton's call to extend world trading rules to environmen-Clinton sought to reassure EU tal and labor issues mirrors his newith Europe, which he said was congressional passage of the North

ing country over the next few years.

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lute, the Europeans are becoming

increasingly despondent about

whether they can do anything at all

ing between them in Bosnia.

an Serbs, and that the NATO coun-

peacekeeping forces were moving

close to the point where they would

either have to use air power to back

them up and make them effective,

"I think on today's facts there

see if our resolve is there. My re-

The NATO secretary-general,

Manfred Worner, has maintained

that the alliance could not be

blamed for the collective failure in

Bosnia because it had not yet been

called upon to use force to stop the

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solve is there, I can tell you."

Wörner said.

about Bosnia.

And despite their attempt, prod-

ALLIES: Bosnia Catches Clinton

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But for many ordinary Europe- or else give up on peacekeeping and

relevance in the future than a part-nership plan whose details have to the allies," Mr. Clinton said before

be worked out with each participat- he left Brussels on Tuesday. "We'll

It also resonates widely in Europe, where fear is widespread that living standards will be undermined by the surge in cheap imports from

Many developing countries have opposed talk of environmental and labor issues as a smokescreen for

"We simply have to assure that our economic policies protect the environment and the well being of workers," Mr. Clinton said.

Extending the developed world's higher environmental standards to other nations "will create jobs, not cost jobs," he said, because it will require the spread of technologies that are "virtually exclusively the province" of rich nations.

That argument is largely accepted in Europe, where officials have agreed to push with the United States to set up a committee on environmental issues at the World Trade Organization, the new global

trade body, by April.

The push for higher labor standards got a cooler reception when it was raised by the U.S. trade representative, Mickey Kantor, in a meeting Monday with the EU commissioner for competition policy,

Sir Leon Brittan. A commission source dismissed the idea as half-baked because Mr. Kantor did not make it clear whether the standards would cover human rights issues, such as prison and child labor, or extend to health and safety issues or even to mini-

mum wages. As the alliance leaders met in Washington's stance seems hyp-To forestall the possibility of ag-gression by nationalist forces in leaders were meeting in Bonn in an ocritical, the source said, given that the United States has never ratified Russia that might be tempted to attempt to agree to stop the fightthe International Labor Organization's convention on social rights, German officials in Brussels said drawn up more than 40 years ago. democracies in that part of the con-

But Mr. Clinton said the West could not cut wages and social standards to create jobs because that would depress incomes and increase insecurity.

"We do not want to see the collapse of the middle class," he said. "If you look at the vote in Russia, if you look at the recent vote in Poland, you see what happens in de-mocracies when middle-class people feel that the future will be worse than the present"

When a reporter suggested that he sounded surprisingly like a European socialist, Mr. Clinton did not disagree.

"President Delors and I share a lot of common ideas," he said.

He commended Mr. Delors, a French Socialist, for the study on jobs and competitiveness that he presented to European leaders last

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President Seeks to Extend Agenda

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - Laying out a new

wood and paper products, leather goods and spirits.

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Clinton's Plans

Highlights of President Bill Clinton's schedule after leaving Brussels at the close of the NATO summit meeting: WEDNESDAY

Mr. Clinton meets in Prague with the leaders of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. He then departs for Kiev for a brief stopover before traveling to Moscow. THURSDAY

Discussions with Russian officials and a meeting with Patriarch Aleksei II. FRIDAY

President Boris N. Yeltsin. SATURDAY Mr. Clinton travels to Minsk. in Belarus, and later to Gene-

Joint new conference with

SUNDAY Talks in Geneva with President Hafez Assad of Syria before returning to Washington.

highest-ranking church officials are several men whose anti-Semitic writings and rhetoric are no less offensive than Mr. Zhirinovsky's. It is unclear whether they will also attend the meeting between Mr. Clinton and the patriarch. By going to Moscow's main television studio for a speech and electronic town meeting, Mr.

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A Stronger, Safer Europe

For all their earlier foot-shuffling, the NATO summitteers started to get the main thing right in Brussels on Tuesday. Their talk of air strikes in Rosma may or may not be the usual shaming bluff. But the wars of ex-Yugo-slavia, awful though they are, are one corner of a much bigger map. The summit's main task was to begin the widening of NATO's power that can prevent future shaming disasters.

That means, among other things, dropping the earlier pretense that the alliance can treat all the ex-Communist countries to its east as equals. Some of these countries, it is now clear, will in the next few years rightly be treated as more equal than others. To be a democracy, ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with other Euro-American democracies, is the real test for membership. And places like Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic are plainly closer to passing that test than several

other ex-Communist countries. Will closer military links with Poles, Hungarians and Czechs — and earlier full NATO membership for them — "draw a new line" across Europe (Bill Clinton's phrase on Sunday)? Yes, in a sense. But the present NATO line separates old democracies from promising new ones, leaving the latter out in the cold. That is unjust and a waste of new talent.

Will redrawing the line make Russia's Zhirmovskys more dangerous? No. Done the right

history of the 20th century pretty clearly shows that to be politely firm with pugnacious nationalists when they first appear on the scene is much better than to let them come to believe they can bully you; that is a road to more and bigger bullying. It is not necessary to offer the Poles and so on full NATO membership right now. A pattern of new military cooperation which clearly takes them under NATO's wing should be enough to make the Zhirinovskys stop and think again.

Does NATO have the resources for this? Of

course it does. The essential work of the next year or two is to start slotting these countries into NATO's joint planning and joint training. That is largely a matter of organization. To say

it cannot be done is bureaucratic laziness.

What should NATO be doing with its new associates? It can send its soldiers on joint exercises with theirs, on their soil. It can enlist some of their units into the expeditionary forces it plans for possible use outside the European heartland. It can help them to re-equip their armed forces, and to reshape their military plans, so that full membership when it comes will not be a matter of square pegs and round holes.

All this is possible. It will make the democracies stronger, and Europe safer. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE

Ukraine, Too, Has Interests

In the intricate strategic jigsaw puzzle that President Bill Clinton is trying to assemble on his trip across Europe, no single piece is more important than the effort to keep Ukraine from becoming a new and accepted member of the global nuclear club. Hence the high jubilation that he expressed on Monday in his announcement of all-but-final agreement on this complex matter among the United States, Russia and Ukraine.

Not that Ukraine, in consenting to get rid of the nuclear arms it physically (but not yet operationally) inherited from the Soviet Union, has no claim to the security and status that these weapons ostensibly confer. In this case, however, it was able to ask for valuable compensation both from Moscow. which is eager to head off the emergence of a nuclear Ukraine at its doorstep, and from Washington, which is determined to avoid setting the post-Cold War precedent of condoning arrival of a new nuclear power.

It mattered that the Kiev leadership, realizing the desperate condition of the country, had the judgment to recognize that this was the right moment to cut a deal. President Leonid Kravchuk also had the fortitude to stand up to his formidable pro-nuclear opposition. The terms center on "swords into plowshares" assurances of border inviolability, economic support and civilian nuclear fuel. The new accord emerges as an executive

agreement, but these terms are framed to meet the reservations that the parliament had earlier imposed on the government's commitment

to abandon a nuclear option.

Here it must be said that the delayed or phased manner in which the terms of the new agreement are to be disclosed - in order it is said, to accommodate President Kraychnk's political requirements — is hardly calculated to build confidence in the agreement elsewhere.

As a globally engaged country, nonetheless, the United States can only profit from an example of leadership and success in nuclear nonproliferation. Since it is the country at which more than 1,200 Ukraine-based warheads are currently aimed, its own security stands to gain. And the occasion to show Russia that Americans can contribute to Russia's security has special value at this moment of uncertainty in the relationship between the two countries.

Fitting a nuclear Ukraine into a Europe shadowed by Russia, Kiev's ancient and current nemesis and itself still a nuclear super-power, would be a nightmare. Fitting in a non-nuclear Ukraine will require continuing American and Russian attention to Ukraine's legitimate national interests. The new agreement, if its details prove upon scrutiny to be well considered, makes it possible and necessary for that work to get serious.

More Than a Vendetta

Daniel Patrick Moynihan's call for a special failure cost taxpayers \$60 million. Among the prosecutor puts a hole in the White House's questions that investigators say they are interargument that the furor over Bill Clinton's ested in is whether he received tender treat-Arkansas land dealings is nothing more than ment from a bank regulator appointed by Mr. Diican vendetta. Senator Movilinai seems not to have been swayed by the argument put forth by Vice President Al Gore and other designated White House damage controllers that a special prosecutor is not necessary because there is no specific charge against President and Mrs. Clinton.

Neither the law nor common sense requires that much. Attorney General Janet Reno can appoint a special prosecutor when officials in her department appear to have a conflict of interest that could frustrate a credible investigation. The fact that her No. 3 official, Webster Hubbell, was Mrs. Clinton's law partner constitutes just such a conflict. So, more pointedly, does the fact that their law firm represented the failed savings and loan at the center of the mystery, arguing before state bank regulators to keep the thrift alive. Ms. Reno insists that the case has been

taken firmly in hand by a team of trustworthy Justice Department lawyers. There is reason to believe, however, that her federal bloodhounds are snoozing in the kennel. Last Friday the man at the heart of the case - James McDougal, the president's former investment partner and former president of the savings and loan — told The Associated Press that nobody from the Justice Department or the FBI had even approached him for an interview.

Mr. McDougal headed Madison Guaranty Trust, a savings and loan whose eventual

hen he was governor, and w Madison funds were used to pay off Mr. Clinton's 1986 campaign debts and also diverted to the Whitewater Development Com-

pany, the real estate venture in which Mr. McDougal and the Clintons were partners. But apparently they have not even begun to ask these questions, which is why the case for an investigation outside the normal channels of this lethargic Justice Department is so clear. Mr. Moynihan said that he was sure Mr. Clinton had done nothing wrong, but that the only way to clear the air was to appoint a special prosecutor. Presidents, he said, "can't be seen to have any hesitation about any

matter that concerns their propriety." Unfortunately, the White House seems more concerned with secrecy than with propriety or policy. Harold Ickes, recruited with great fanfare to head President Clinton's campaign for health care reform, now finds himself running a White House operation whose main purpose is to contain any political fallout from the Arkansas savings and

loan and land messes. But his damage control operation has be-come an exercise in damage creation. The reason is simple. No one in the Clinton White House or the Reno Justice Department is willing to follow Mr. Moynihan's good advice to behave as if there is "nothing to hide."

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

Alas, a Sorry Tory Lot

In the eyes of the public, the government appears increasingly mired in sleaze. The only regret displayed by ministers for public or private lapses from grace concerns their loss of office, not the actions which caused it. We have a Tory Party apparently incapable of shame. Conservative MPs and parliamentary candidates today are, for the most part, a sorry lot. A generation ago, Central Office and constituen-

cy parties decided to turn away from selecting andidates of "traditional" Tory backgrounds. The products of Eton and the squirearchy found themselves spurned. Perhaps it was right to seek a new style of Tory MP. But what has emerged, in place of the old knights of the shire, is a host of frankly inadequate men and women who, far from entering Parliament in any spirit of public service, are driven solely by the pursuit of self-advancement.

- The Daily Telegraph (London).



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NATO Wastes an Opportunity

WASHINGTON — As far back as anyone remembers, the leaders attending NATO summit meetings have put on a display of Western unity, no matter how con-tentious the issues. So we could confidently expect that at this week's meeting, the Clinton administration's first, the allies would "resolve" differences and convey a sense of cohesion to the outside world.

Useful as such contrivances were during the Cold War, when Moscow might have exploited differences in the alliance, the substitution of image-making for policy-making now

Even though NATO is a defensive alliance,

Clinton obviously believes that many Russians think it is a threat to Russia.

threatens NATO itself. The show of unity this week comes at a high cost: the failure to face the crucial issue confronting the alliance.

That issue is not simply whether NATO should admit Poland or Hungary or other East European countries although dains tries, although doing so would surely benefit it. The crucial issue is whether an alliance created to counter the threat of a Warsaw Pact invasion of Western Europe can survive for very long now that the Warsaw Pact no longer exists — in short, whether NATO has a future.

If it can't do better than it has done

this week in defining itself and its mission in the post-Cold War world, it may well follow the Warsaw Pact into dissolution.

Bill Clinton, who cares less about foreign and security policy than any modern American president and whose knowledge and experience in these matters matches his interest in them, has missed an important op-portunity in Brussels to help NATO find a new mission.

There may be few more such op-portunities, so it is vital to understand why this one went wrong. Evidently, the president was perBy Richard Perle

suaded that expansion of NATO to include some or all of the new East European democracies would disconcert Russians, like Vladimir Zhirinovsky and his supporters, who fear encirclement by the West. Allow the Poles into NATO, he was told, and Boris Yeltsin would be

seriously weakene

Even though NATO is a defensive alliance, Mr. Clinton obviously believes that many Russians think it is a threat to Russia and that the West must not do anything to offend their sensibilities. So instead of enlarging NATO, giving it a new and much needed sense of purpose, the admin-istration cooked up the vague, water-treading Partnership for Peace, the essence of which is that it does not admit East Europeans to NATO.
To be sure, there is at least one

good reason for not expanding NATO just now: the credibility of its underlying guarantee that "an attack against one is an attack back it up - and that will take time. to The New York Times.

nationalists and the anti-Western xenophobia they promote are not good reasons for refusing to tell the Poles, Hungarians and Czechs that over time they will be welcome as full members. Indeed, by buying the argument that Russian nationalists' concerns deserve to guide Western policy, Mr. Clinton gives those who

make that case the very legitimacy

that his policy is intended to deny. An offer of interim associate membership sufficient to calm under-standable auxieties in Eastern Europe would have been appropriate. It could have included a communique promising to speed up enlargement in the event of a new threat to Eastern Europe. This, not appeasement, is the right response to Mr. Zhirinovsky. A decision in principle to enlarge NATO would have sent irredentist Russians a signal, when the West is strong, that the Warsaw Pact is truly dead, and that NATO is alive and well.

The writer, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, was U.S. asagainst all" cannot be extended sistant secretary of defense from 1981 without the plans and resources to 10 1987. He contributed this comment



Toward NATO Membership for Easterners Soon

WASHINGTON — Only one thing matters about the Brussels summit: NATO has formally established the goal of expanding its membership to include Eastern Europe.

Forget all the complaints from former Bush administration officials about how the NATO summit has postponed admission of the Poles, Czechs and Hungarians. The summit has opened the door to bringing these countries into NATO much sooner than the year 2000, which was the

arget date of the complainers. Some people had argued for making the goal of membership into a definite commitment by laying down stiff criteria, whose satisfaction would lead to membership. However, as Madeleine Albright explained to the Central Europeans, that would have introduced new rigidities and given the stand-patters in the West excuses for post-

poning membership indefinitely.

A real postponement of NATO expansion took place during the Bush years. Expansion was first proposed in 1990, by the Fast Europeans. The best opportunity came and went at the end of By Ira L. Straus

1991, when Russia also declared a desire to join. The reason why most Americans never heard of the idea until last year was that the Bush administration treated it as a nonissue. It was under Bill Clinton that serious discussion of the idea be-

came possible in the West. In four years the issue has gradually picked up speed. When a North Atlantic Cooperation Council was established as a waiting room for the Easterners, the door on Western thinking on the subject was unlocked. In 1993, after the Clinton administration threw the door wide open, the idea quickly progressed from being a dissident opinion to being the maintream view in NATO. Who knows

how much more progress it will make in 1994? Soon it may sound hopelessly dilatory to aim at membership in 2000. Establishment of the goal is

established at the Brussels summit, people will start looking for ways to make it happen. What is needed at this stage is a Committee on Extension of NATO Membership. To arrive at a sound plan encompassing the adjustments needed on both sides, the committee should include all partner countries, not just the present members.
It would need to address such matters as procedures for NATO to make effective decisions with more members around the table; realistic member-

ship criteria and commitments; procedures for mov-

ing countries from associate to full membership, and back again in case of regression from criteria:

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model membership agreements and protocols.

This can be done in the course of the present year. It would prepare the countries of both East and West for the negotiation of actual member-ship agreements in 1995.

The writer is U.S. coordinator of an independent the most important element in any process of change. It provides a direction for thinking and action. Now that the goal of membership has been the International Herald Tribune.

Raising Europe's Spirits, but Will Economic Cooperation Follow?

WASHINGTON — The Europeans are worried that the United States is turning inward, becoming absorbed with domestic problems and exhausted with international leadership - and with them. Bill Clinton, for all his fine internationalist words, is seen as quite in tune with this mood. From the European point of view, this is a man for whom the architecture of health plans and job training schemes is far more exciting than the architecture of global alliances.

The Europeans basically have it right, but

President Clinton made an important corol-lary point last week. Referring to the Europe-

The way a nation's economy works is the central question for the electorates who send the diplo-military types to the summit meetings.

ans, he said, "They are probably more inwardlooking than we are."

Certainly their immediate domestic problems are bigger than America's. Germany's unemployment rate is 8.1 percent, and unemployment is even higher in France. Many of the European leaders face much larger political troubles at home than Mr. Clinton does.

Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats keep losing state and local elections in Germany. French President François Mitterrand has already been forced by France's voters to turn the government over to the conservative opposition. In Italy, much of the old political class By E. J. Dionne Jr.

seems on its way to jail. For the past year, British Prime Minister John Major has faced rotten poll ratings and insurrectionary talk within his own Conservative Party.

In fact, leaders of the wealthy countries that waged and won the Cold War have a lot to worry about at home, especially a joblessness problem the likes of which has not been seen since the end of World War IL

This point was made dramatically by Paul McCracken, who served as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Richard Nixon and can hardly be accused of being a Marxist. "Those entering the work forces in Western Europe and even in the U.S.," Mr. McCracken wrote last week in The Wall Street Journal, "confront labor market conditions more nearly resembling those of the late 1930s than those prevailing during the four decades or so following World War II. Lest anyone miss the point, he rubbed it in: "In fact, the capitalist economies have been

seeming to validate the chief criticism by the Communists of capitalism, namely, that capitalism generates high unemployment."

Now you may fairly ask: What does unemployment have to do with such large diplomatic questions as whether Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary get admitted under the umbrella of NATO? How does it connect to what the West will do about the slaughter in Bosnia or the rise of nationalism in Russia? To complicate the

issue, you might further ask whether those of us who live in countries that are still, by any reasonable standards, very rich, are simply using economic problems as an excuse for fleeing from the

The answer lies in the most quoted line of the past week, the late Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.'s famous maxim that "all politics is local." Those who concern themselves with big diplomatic and military questions tend to find the grubby issues of domestic economic management boring. But the way a nation's economy works is the central question — at times, the only ques-tion — for the electorates who send the diplomilitary types to the summit meetings. If there is anything about foreign policy that

Mr. Clinton understands well, it is this.

Tucked into his Sunday speech in Brussels was the Iollowing: "Unless we are creating jobs and unless we are raising incomes in Europe and in the United States and Japan, in the advanced countries of the world, it will be difficult for the people of those nations, all our nations, to continue to support [a] policy of involvement with the rest of the world." He added that "among the Atlantic nations, economic stagnation has clearly eroded public suport ... for outward-looking foreign policies and for greater integration."

But assuming that Mr. Clinton's diagnosis of what ails the West is right, what is to be done? The ideal would be to match grand diplomatic plans aimed at containing the rise of national-ism in the East with workable plans for economic cooperation. But the European Union itself is having a hellish time agreeing on a joint program to reduce unemployment. Will trans-

Atlantic economic cooperation be any easier?

Moreover, while Western Europe needs to open its markets to goods from Eastern Europe to foster economic growth and prevent the rise of "the grim pretenders to tyranny's dark throne," as Mr. Clinton put it, it is precisely Europe's fear of even more unemployment that impedes freer trade.

For now, Mr. Clinton's efforts to revive the morale of the alliance revolve around two approaches short of the grand: fear and empathy.

The rise of Russia's frightening ultranationalist clown, Vladimir Zhirinovsky, has given the alliance something it hasn't had since the death

of the Soviet Union: an enemy with a face and an agenda. Mr. Clinton played the Zhirinovsky card in a way that would have made Ronald Reagan's "evil empire" speech writers proud. The contest, he said, was between "the heirs of the Enlightenment who seek to consolidate freedom's gains" and "the militant nationalists and demagogues who fan suspicions that are ancient and parade the pain of renewal in order to obscure the promise of reform." Now there's a cause.

The second element is simple exhortation. In an interview with a pack of columnists last week, the president offered a revealing glimpse of how he sees public life. One of the main goals of his trip, he said, was "to try to sort of be a force for optimism" in a Europe suffering from pessimism and self-doubt. He seemed to be approaching summiny as he would a town meeting in New Hampshire, saying, "What I have to do is to start them thinking in a more positive frame of mind again" and to "gin up

the collective spirit of Europe."

Fear and empathy do not make a foreign policy and do not resolve hard questions, such as how to relieve the suffering in Bosnia. And despite his tough words, Mr. Clinton's actual policies toward Russia seem to vacillate between accommodating nationalism and confronting it. Still, his foreign policy thinking finally began to take on a distinct character this week. The analysis isn't had. Translating analysis isn't had. the collective spirit of Europe."

analysis isn't bad. Translating analysis into action is much harder - and also essential to ginning up everyone's spirit. The Washington Post,

South Asia: Business as Usual Despite Development Pressures

N EW DELHI — Is South Asia at eventual risk of nuclear-armed confrontation, as Washington, all in earnest about nonproliferation, sug-gests? Or is it just business as usual in the India-Pakistan game of mutual aggravation, threatening at worst border clashes and continued may-hem in Kashmir? Does it matter that

both sides have nuclear capability and medium-range missiles? The issues are complex but impor-tant — for the United States, which drive against strategic arms prolifera-tion; for India, as its economic reform requires escape from outdated

political theories and technocratic nationalism, and the establishment of a closer economic relationship with the West; for Pakistan, which should be daily reminded of its own potential fragility by events in Afghanistan and Tajikistan, and for whom the relationship with the United States. although diminished by the end of the Cold War, remains important, Last week saw the first high-level India-Pakistan talks since 1992, and

Commercial interests encourage Americans to choose the path of

cooperation. Yet strategic and for-

eign policy considerations lead us to

America can no longer afford to

pursue what it believes to be a

pragmatic middle ground with China. China's exports, particular-

ly of arms and weapons technology, are jeopardizing the very

The United States needs to clari-

fy its priorities: It must modify its

foreign, defense and export control

policies to ensure that security inter-

foundations of world order.

the path of confrontation.

Pressure for a Dangerous Exporter

A MERICA'S relations with Chi-na are at a familiar crossroads, Commercial interests encourage suit of quick profits. The United States should not routinely grant

By Philip Bowring istic euphemism, describes as a "tech- with almost any degree of autonomy

nology demonstrator," has an intended range of 2,500 kilometers.

Talks and test both failed. But their significance is that they hap-pened. Where does that leave the substantive issues?

Kashmir. No progress is likely on lesser issues until there is movement here. There is none. But the stalemate makes three things plain: India will has been investing substantial not give up sovereignty; Pakistan, amounts of political capital in the and now China, too, have ruled out Kashmiri independence, which would be even more damaging to Pakistan's integrity than to India's; the alien-ation of the people of Kashmir from

Delhi is deep and growing.

Western sources suggest that Pakistan has cut back support for the militants. But there is little sign yet of India taking positive initiatives. It apparently prefers the policy of sitting tight politically while wielding a big stick in the valley.

Despite the normal Delhi bureau-cratic immobility there is, though, a growing awareness of the extent of Kashmiri alienation, which cannot the test firing by India, over the objections of the United States and others, of India's Agni-3 rocket. This mentalist troublemaking and which missile, which India, with charactermust be addressed politically—

favored trading status to any country that flouts its nonproliferation

commitments. All countries should

be encouraged to withhold transfers

of investment capital and high tech-

nology from nations that do not

Support should be sought for

condemning any country that tests

nuclear explosive devices. And the

de facto moratorium on exports of

space launch vehicles and related

technology should be maintained.

- Senator John Glenn, commenting

in The Washington Past,

abide by such commitments.

that keeps Kashmir in the union. Antonomy will be easier to give in a liberalized economy.

As India looks outward, there is

also more awareness of the damage done to its reputation by Kashmir, in the Third World as well as in the human-rights-conscious West.

Meanwhile, India could help itself, too, by giving Pakistani business easi-

er access to its more open economy. For all its faults, India remains the greatest force for stability in the region. Despite the temptations, it clearly considers that it has no interest in the breakup of Afghanistan into its ethnic components, which would also upset the balance of Pakistan. Nucleur proliferation. It has long been the case that Pakistan's nuclear

program causes more concern in America than in India. Studied Indi-an official disdain for Pakistan and opposition to any Western interference explain the curiosity. U.S. nonproliferation talk can easily be dis-missed as mere hypocrisy. The U.S. administration turned a blind eye to Pakistan's nuclear program during the 1980s. By the time military aid was cut off, via the Pressler Amend-

ment to Foreign Assistance Act, Pa-kistan already had nuclear capability. There is little future for nonprobi-eration in South Asia, and it is stupid to pretend otherwise. Even if India and Pakistan could reach a bilateral arrangement, there is no reason to believe that India could assume that it should deny itself a nuclear capability while China does not. Meanwhile, the useful hypocrisy

about nuclear capability is likely to continue. Although some Indian would like to see a more forthright approach, a formal nuclear policy would upset friends, neighbors and aid providers, while doing nothing for India's security.

U.S. pressure has persuaded the Pakistanis to cap their program. Very little is known about India's current level of weapons research and spend-ing, but India may see that there is a ploy all the newest instruments of

link between this issue and newly United States to sell the idea that important economic relationships.

The same applies to India's missile

program. The deployment of the Agni-3 may be a decade away, and anyway is of more interest to China than to Pakistan. But deployment of the Prithvi missile, which can hit most of Pakistan, is imminent. Having upset its relations with China as well as Pakistan by imposing sanc-tions on account of M-11 parts delivery, the United States is anxious that India should not deploy the Prithvi.
The Clinton administration is under pressure to releat on convention-

al weapons sales to Pakistan on the grounds that deterioration in conventional capability will make Pakistan more nuclear-conscious.

In South Asia, U.S. lecturing on arms control goes down badly. That is not surprising given Washington's track record. It is also hard for the missiles are, because of their accura-cy and reliability, more dangerous than other forms of weapons delivery, or that South Asian nuclear programs are driven by politics more than by a coherent military strategy

of deterrence.
Power in both countries has always been held by cautious old clites. But what if it passes into more reckless hands? Ultimately, the U.S. anti-proliferation campaigns will probably achieve little. It is almost impossible to argue that only a few countries are entitled to nuclear deterrence. Still, for the time being the American pres-sure may keep a lid on strategic arms spending in South Asia. And if it is seen to be evenhanded it might actually help India and Pakistan toward easing mutual antagonisms and get-ing on with development.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Manifesto in Spain

MADRID — A manifesto of Senor Ruiz Zorilla is published here to-day [Jan. 11] announcing the early advent of a Republic in Spain and advising his partisans to hold themselves prepared. The Republican leader promises an arrangement of the finances, prosperity for trade, industry and ag-riculture, improved conditions of life for the working classes, extension of the franchise, an efficient organization of the army and navy, and protection for the interests of the Church.

1919: Fighting in Berlin

BALE — According to the latest report from Berlin, the Government seems to have gained the upper hand, although the socialist revolutionaries. known as Spartacists, are still making desperate efforts to continue the struggle. The Spartacists have turned St. George's Church into a fortress.

war, including lire-sprayers and as-physiating gas. The "Frankfurter Zeiting" says that the government is determined to stamp out the Spartacist insurrection. Certain quarters are in obscurity every night and are strongly held by artillery.

1944: Ciano Executed

LONDON — [From our New York edition:] Count Galeazzo Cama, forty-year-old son-in-law of Bentio Mossolini and former Italian Foreign Minister, Marshal Emilio de Boao, seventy-seven-year-old leader of the Italian invasion of Ethiopias and three other former Fascist Haders were executed by a firing squad at Verona today [Jan. 11] as treators to Fascism, according to D.N.B." the official German news agency. The princip executed were Giovanni Manueli. former chief of the Fascist militia: Cinseppe Pareschi, former Agricul-ture Minister, and Luciano Gottardi. former president of the Fastist Confederation of Industrial workers.



Yeltsin's Silence Encourages the Haters

MOSCOW — The leader of Russia's Jewish community, Micha Chlenov, has met Chancellor Helmus Kohl of Germany, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, and is hoping to meet Presi-dent Bill Clinton when he comes to Moscow this week. But he campor get in to see the leader of his own

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the principal and the second of the second o

county, Boris Yeltsin As president, Mr. Yeltsin has made a point of avoiding Jewish issues; his blanket silence on burgeoning anti-Semitism and racism here has repercussions not only for the more than one million Russian Jews but for all those who support the idea of democracy in Russia.

While institutionalized anti-Semi-

tism decreased greatly last year, the government's hands-off approach to racism resulted in a huge number of individual anti-Semitic acts. Moscow's central synasogue, on Archipova Street, was twice attacked in daylight by vandals who smashed windows and drew swastikas; it now has a full-time guard. Historic Jewish counteries in Nizhny Novgorod, Ekaterinburg and St. Petersburg were leveled by vandals. And a judge in a suburban Moscow court indicated that she was afraid to issue an opinion denouncing the widely disseminated forgery "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" — which originated in Russia - as anti-Semitic for fear of turning a civil liber case into a political speciacle.

This year is off to an ominous start. A fire devastated Moscow's Marina Roscha synagogue, a wood-en structure that had stood for 70 years. Anti-Semitic graffiti and an ax were found nearby. Firefighters and the synagogue's Lubavitch rabbi, Berel Lazar of New York, are convinced that the blaze was arson. But Moscow authorities seem loath to undertake a full investigation.

The synagogue blaze came only a week after a fire in a Lubavitch Jewish day school in Moscow. One can imagine the outcry in New York By Natasha Singer

Russia, Mr. Yeltsin and his aides have remained silent, thereby sending a message that acts of violence toward Jews will go unpunished.

But even Mr. Yeltsin's advisers, who include several people of Jewsish heritage, have employed anti-

Jewish life here after years of Semitic rhetoric. forced atheism, Mr. Yeltsin surely - It was so-called Russian demowould have spoken up. Instead, un-like President François Mitterrand; the ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinwho led a huge protest march in Paris after the desecration in 1991 of the Jewish cemetery at Carpentras, Mr. Yeltsin opted for invisibility. His fear of confronting these ies leaves Russian Jews feeling like easy targets. This sense is bound to accelerate emigration to

Israel and the United States. Those who are determined to stay in Russia and fight for the revival of the Jewish community are often harassed. The first Jewish woman elected to parliament, Alla Gerber, said that she has received a series of phone calls from extremists who ask, threateningly, "Are you still alive?" Along with other human rights activists, she is convinced that Mr. Yeltsin's silence groups in Russia, as demonstrated 1993, at state-run Kean Colliamentary elections paved the way for the rise of fascist

liamentary elections.
The Russian president's decision to avoid Jewish issues and his toleiance of racism clearly have made xenophobia acceptable in political rhetoric, employed by all parties. In Russia, the word-Tew? never

has been a neutral term - it is an means "alien"; on the political level it means "occupier" or "member of the international American-Zionist conspiracy that intends to black teachers and students. subjugate the Russian people, rape And from almost all of Amerithe land and sell off mineral recars black political and intellectusources." When the president's al leadership he received some-

had the Park Avenue synagogue country to foreigners, they use been torched by arsomsts. But in short-hand. They call him "Ba-

ovsky, spread the story that he had a Jewish father. The reformers were thus employing the same tactics as their extremist opponents. To call someone a Jew in this country is to expose him as a non-Russian, and therefore, an untrustworthy person

To all this Mr. Yeltsin answered in three words. Asked at a recent news conference if, following Mr. Zhirinovsky's advent to parliament, the president finally was prepared to denounce anti-Semitism publicly, a visibly discomfited Mr.

Yeltsin replied: "I guarantee it."
What Mr. Yeltsin intends to guarantee is unclear. In a country that has a history of scapegoating Jews — from the Black Hundred Pogroms to the blood libel charge against Hassidic Jews leveled last year by Pravda - such ambiguity has dangerous precedents.

Perhaps the visit this week of President Bill Clinton will help Mr.

Yeltsin clarify his position. Jewish leaders in Moscow have requested a meeting with Mr. Clinton and invited him to tour the ashen remains of the Marina Roscha synagogue.

If he accepts the invitation, Mr. Clinton will do more than recognize Russia's Jewish community, he will provide an example to Mr. Yeltsin that in democratic adminis-

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trations, racism directed at any mi-

nority group is intolerable.



Don't They Understand How Bigotry Spreads?

By A. M. Rosenthal

lege in New Jersey, a spokesman for the Nation of Islam, the largest black anti-Semitic organization in America, made a speech. It was the one about how the Jews had it coming to them in Nazi Germany.

For three hours he talked, adding the advice that blacks should slaughter all white South Afrimsult. On the grass-roots level, it cans, dig them up and slaughter them again. He was paid about \$2,650 in student funds and in enthusiasm of the andience of

And from almost all of Amerihard-line opponents want to brand thing even more valuable to him him a traitor who is selling out the and other black peddlers of ha-

tred: silence about the growth of black anti-Semitism.

From time to time some prominent black American says something critical about anti-Semitism in general or about a particular outburst. But with few exceptions, black political and intellectual leadership has kept silent about one of the more dangerous realities in American life - the surge of anti-Semitism and anti-Semitic propaganda among blacks, particularly among young and more educated blacks.

The "root cause" talk about black anti-Semitism — profiteering Jewish merchants or Jewish incuse for pogroms. The cause of hatred is hatred. The more it is sown, the more it grows.

Until recently, I never understood the silence about the phepomenon of black anti-Semitism. It seemed to me so obviously a anti-Semitism puts at stake the danger not only to Jews but to moral credibility of the black blacks. Bigotry toward any part of society will eventually wind up as an ax handle to the skull of black hopes. Surely the black leadership understood that?

Then black politicians taught me better, they and the NAACP. In Washington, the Congressional Black Caucus entered into a political alliance, a "covenant" no less, with Louis Farrakhan and his Nation of Islam. And the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People joined. Wasn't it once the hope for brotherhood against race hate? Didn't blacks and Jews die for that?

Jesse Jackson, who lectures against violence, said that on racial injustice he stood with Louis Farrakhan. Violence? The Nation of Islam's teachings would bring national bloodletting. It might start with Jews, but it would not end with them this time.

Now I know why the silence. If it suits their interests the Cancus, Mr. Jackson and the NAACP are willing to ally themselves with the salesmen for a new Holocaust. That is what "the Jews had it And, as the fight against race or coming" means: If in Germany, religious hatred goes on, choose why not here?

To say that the alliance is only

for black "racial" matters is insulting and evil, like trying to buy a half-price ticket out of hell.

No, not all black leaders and thinkers are parties to silence. Professors Henry Gates and Cornel West put the issue and penalty most directly: The rise of black struggle against racism.

tor of the New York Civil Rights Coalition, spoke up at once against the "covenant. But the general si-lence of the leadership about rising black anti-Semitism helps make anti-Semitism respectable, pain-free and profitable.

I have heard casual anti-Semitism from black achievers. Jews in the room look at each other in astonishment and disbelief. Black radio and newspapers spew anti-Semitism. Jews have drinks with the spewers and their owners. Ah, don't be so sensitive.

So we wind up with this: Jews in America must continue to fight against anti-Semitism with every weapon of persuasion or power at their command, except one - to turn themselves into racists.

The Jews will not fight alone. But whether the black leadership will join is up to them and their constituencies, not Jews. Jews can say to them only what blacks say to their countrymen: No silence, no covenants with blood-seekers. your side, whatever color.

Hope in the First Hour, But the Faith Is Gone

By Barbara Hendricks

and running water for most of the winter. In the streets, people warned me to stay close to high buildings for cover, and to move quickly through exposed areas. Snipers were not taking any time Snipers were not taking any time that we come. It was the city crying off for the holidays. I wore a heavy out in desperation to the world bullet-proof vest, and a helmet from the UN High Commissioner

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for Refugees, which didn't make me feel much safer; it hadn't, after all, helped the young French sol-dier who was shot in a UN truck on Dec. 30. He is paralyzed for life.

The people of Sarajevo lack even this protection. About 9,000 civilians have been killed in the city since the war began, 1,000 of those were children. One of my new iriends, Izabela, age 9, has been lucky—she is still alive. She sang in the children's choir during the concert I gave at the Sarajevo Winter Festival on Dec. 31 at midnight -"The First Hour of the First Day" of the New Year, which is the name of the association I formed with Dr. Bernard Kouchner, the French humanitarian, after a similar concert in Dubrovnik two years earlier.

The road to the cold, dark television building from the colder, darker Holiday Inn where I stayed was a dangerous one, and the driver drove quickly and with determination, as if we could by sheer will put off the hand of destiny. Most of the buildings we passed were bombed-out and desolate, yet here and there we saw laundry hanging outside of taped-up windows.

At the first rehearsal, I was taken back by the sounds I heard from the orchestra — they were without body or center, as if from another world. The notes had a hollow core, like a distant memory. As I looked into the musicians' faces, tight and drawn from the loss of an average of 30 pounds (14 kilos) since the war began, I felt too healthy, as if my singing was too robust. The ensemble had lost many members since the beginning of the war; a 26-year-old trombonist who was to have played with us

had been killed only days before. But as the rehearsal went on, the sound grew into something more alive. I realized that these people had not lost all hope, and I marveled at the strength of the human spirit, able to endure the worst deprivations and indignities.

however, lost faith in the outside world. We have come and gone and

SARAJEVO — It was below made too many promises that have not been kept, too many times. We have failed them. And we must bear this shame for all time.

Why organize a concert in these conditions? Because the intellectuals, the musicians, and the ordinary citizens of Sarajevo insisted and, through the concert, express-

ing the determination to survive.

I did not have the arrogance to believe that a concert could stop this war. But the musicians, others present during the concert, and people who had heard it on radio or who were able to see it on television told me I had left them with something precious, perhaps a small flame of hope that they have

not been totally forgotten. The vivid images still before my eyes, the constant sound of nearby sniper fire and bombing, but also the smiles, the tears and the hugs will help me to continue my struggle for tolerance, human rights and solidarity with new determination and humility.

In my conversations with Lieutenant General Francis Briquemont and General Andre Soubirou of the UN forces, as well as representatives of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, I was made painfully aware of the frustration of trying to carry out their and hostile conditions. They lack the power even to protect the thousands of courageous young men under their command. The many UN resolutions and the lack of will and determination to enforce them only add to the absur-

One can never be prepared for the realities of everyday life here. Freedom and democracy do not come without a price. They de-mand constant vigilance and the responsibility and determination to defend them when necessary. There is nothing more worth living for than love and nothing more worth dying for than freedom. It is not only the soul of Sarajevo that is at stake, but our own as well.

This is why I have called on the leaders of the United Nations and the United States: Please, for the sake of Izabeia and all the other children, for all the victims, for all who cling to life, who still manage to sing and smile -- do something now to stop the barbarism.

singer, is a goodwill ambassador for The people of Sarajevo have, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. She contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking Libya to Trial It has been more than five years

since the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. Scotland, an act of premeditated murder that caused the deaths of 270 persons. But despite exhaustive investigations we remain no closer to solving that crime than we were in November 1991, when the United States and Britain announced the indictment of two Libyan intelligence officers as the

Libyan intenuence wherea as an alleged bombers.
Libya continues to defy the United Nations Security Council resolutions calling for it to hand over the agents. And eyen if prosecution of the two Libyans is an account were American or British court were possible, it would hardly provide an adequate finale to this tragedy. ch a trial would not be likely to lead to indisputable proof of Lib-yan complicity. Or the two could

plead guilty and avert a trial.
With no proof and no full accounting sanctions against Libyawould be lifted and other state sponsors of terrorism would see the small price they would pay

for their acts. Can anything be done to force Libya's hand, to ensure account-ability and the assumption of responsibility? The U.S. government seems convinced that criminal punishment is the sole means of obtaining justice. But there are other paths to justice, including civil damages in a court of law.
Indeed, civil damages, pursuant to
a civil trial on merits, appears to be
the best way, if not a periest one, to

achieve accountability.

A civil suit does not seek to replace the prospect of commal pun-

BOMBSHELL: The Life

and Death of Jean Barlow

By David Stenn. 373 pages.

THE contrast between an actress and the personality she

embodies on the screen obviously

fascinates David Stenn. A whiterproducer for TV shows including
"Hill Street Blues" and "Beverly
Hills, 90210," his last book was
"Clara Bow: Runnin' Wild." Al-

though Clara Bow, the '20s flapper, and Jean Harlow, the '30s platinum

blonde, were two very different screen idols, each a match for her

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Reviewed by

Gerard Weales

punished as if they were individuals. They can, however, be deterred from future acts of illegal conduct by being held accountable.

To easure accountability through a civil suit two hurdles must be overcome. Libya needs to be stripped of any vestige of sovereign immunity that it has under U.S. law. In a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 21, President Bill Clinton stated that the attack on Pan Am Flight 103 was a deliber-ate attack on the United States. As such, Libya deserves no protection from a civil sort in a U.S. court Yet, in the past the U.S. government has joined forces with offender states to protect their right to immanity

The U.S. government would also need to stop refusing to share evi-dence implicating Libya on the ground that it would compromise the use of such evidence in a criminal prosecution. Today, the prospect of criminal prosecution seems

increasingly remote.

Although the evidence presented in the U.S. commal indictment is said to be conclusive, it fails to name the government of Libya. Only its two alleged agents are named as defendants. A civil trial would remedy that by focusing at-tention on the government of Libya. And, unlike a criminal trial, it only requires proof of a preponderance of evidence, not the more exacting test - "beyond a reasonable used in a criminal mai.

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On Dec. 15, the writers filed suit

issument but to recognize its limita- in the U.S. District Court for the tions. Sovereign nations cannot be District of Columbia against the government of Libya, on behalf of the husband of Ingrid Smith, who died on Pan Am Flight 103.

Don't Subsidize Hate

Regarding the report "A Black Activist's Inflammatory Speech Leaves a Campus Sorely Divided"

At Kean College in New Jersey, Khalid Abdul Mohammed, a spokesman for Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, was given \$2,650 from student funds for a talk in which he said, among of things, that all whites in South Africa should be killed and that Jews brought the Holocaust on them-selves. The college president, Elsa Gomez, insists that Mr. Mohammed has the right to free speech.

There has been much confusion lately in the United States about the right to free speech. Let me make a distinction. Anyone should have the right to stand on a street corner (or write letters to the editor!) espousing any view, no matter how reprehensible, even Mr. Mohammed's views.

But the right to free speech does not require - and Mr. Mohammed's views do not deserve - a publicly subsidized platform. No government funds or other support should go to holders of such views. Any government employee, including tenured professors, who sup-ports such vile and unrepentant racism should be dismissed.
This "don't censor, don't sup-

port" policy should apply to objec-WILLIAM J. LARSON. ... Nyon, Switzerland.

The speech at Kean College was shocking and degrading. I should hope that the school was flooded with protests. This is an institution

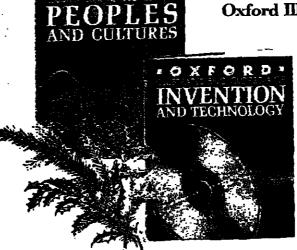
A Misguided Clue

This crossword puzzle, in which

some chies were in punning answer-and-incomplete-question form, included the inaccurate and en Teriyaki. Q: Who is the sole surviving ——?"; the solution to which was much to my dismay, "Kamikaze pilot."

Chicken hardly seems to be an

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accurate description of the tokkotai ("special attack" forces, as they were actually called), many of whom were promising young students; they underwent a rigorous screening and training course of simulated self-destruction before knowingly giving their lives at the age of 16 or 17 to what they (albeit naively and perhaps mistakenly) perceived to be a higher cause than lf-preservation. Those who may have had second thoughts had little chance to "chicken out" once in the cockpit of an aircraft packed with 550 pounds of explosives and

usually not supplied with enough fuel to land after taking off. The few young men trained as tokkotai who did survive the war did so through bizarre twists of fate -not through acts of cowardice or

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childhood was very different from Harlow's comfortable, sheltered early years, Stenn tries to capture a films and fame. similar public versus private image

The sometimes predatory, often tarty, noisy and yet desirable roles she usually played are not to be confused with the real Harlow. Comparing the actress to her character in "Hell's Angels," the 1930 role that made her immediately visible to the moviegoing public, Sienn says that Harlow's allure protected a soft and vulnerable cose intensely affected by controversy and cruicism." More than simply "soft and vulnerable," the Harlow Steam offers is an easily manipulated young woman with no sense of herself. This is the thread on which Steam hangs the usual

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geous prop in "Public Enemy" the year before, was turning into a comedian who could project sexuality and mock it at the same time. In discussing Harlow's films Steam does little more than give the plots and recount some of the production problems. The book's most sensible statement about Harlow comes not from Stenn but from George Cutor, who directed her in the 1933 classic "Dinner at Eight:" "She was unique among actresses. She had that rare quality of speaking lines as though she didn't quite understand them. catalogue of lovers and husbands. He was not being ironic.

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ness: "Now her story can be told." For anyone who wants to know or to remember what Harlow was

like, it is more sensible to pass up

Stenn's book and instead see her in

When Marilyn Monroe rejected the script for The Jean Harlow Story," she remarked: "I hope they don't do that to me after I'm gone

DAVID C. EARHART. Sixty years after Harlow's films first appeared, it has become obvi-ous that the effectiveness of her comedy derived in part from something more personal than timing,

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her lovers, boxer Max Baer and even William Powell, who could not quite ring himself to marry her. Sterm's book, like most Hollywood biographies, depends heavily on interviews, newspaper clippings other Hollywood books, but he has diligently searched a great many

Clara Bow, and then by MGM, which underpaid and overworked

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of them. As one might expect from scriptwriter for "Hill Street Blues, Stenn has too many cliff-hanging chapter ends, 100 many cruel twists of fate and too much portentous

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Liberal Democrats Yield to Hosokawa On Reform Bill

TOKYO -- Prime Minister Mor- tactics. ihiro Hosokawa appears set to win passage of his prize package of po-blood of Mr. Hosokawa's coalition litical reforms next week after the main opposition party abandoned Liberal Democrats and came to its policy of seeking delays, party officials said Tuesday.

"We are angered by the forceful tactics of the ruling coalition," said the upper house minority leader, Tomio Yamamoto of the Liberal Democratic Party. "But we will solemnly take part in the delibera-

Mr. Yamamoto was talking about a motion in a special committee on political reform that decided on the schedule for expert public hearings, a prerequisite to a final vote.

The committee set the hearings for Jan. 17-18, and coalition leaders decided Tuesday to put the package to a vote in the committee and then in the full house on Jan. 19. The current session of parliament

The package, designed to intro-duce single-seat electoral districts and impose stricter anti-graft measures, has been stalled in the upper house since November because of

Liberal Democratic Party delaying

The reform package is the lifegovernment, which toppled the Liberal Democrats and came to up Japan's corrupt politics.

Secretary-General Yoshiro Mori of the Liberal Democratic Party told a meeting of the executive board that the party would now seek to win a compromise deal with the governing coalition over the planned reforms, rather than delay-

A showdown could come early next week when the Liberal Democratic Party's president, Yohei Kono, meets with Mr. Hosokawa to discuss possible concessions.

Mr. Hosokawa won a victory of sorts on Tuesday when the chairman of the Socialists, the biggest party in his coalition, promised full support for a reform package.

Some Socialist upper house members had opposed the planned reforms, arguing that the single-seat districts would spell an end to their party. Five of their colleagues in the lower house voted against the package when the chamber passed it in November.

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A protester wearing a mask in the likeness of Ichiro Ozawa, a leader of the Social Democratic Party, demonstrating on Tuesday in Tokyo against Mr. Ozawa's support for political reform measure

Awash in English, Asians Fret Leaders Fear an Erosion of Their Cultures

By Michael Richardson nternational Herald Tribune

SINGAPORE - The rapid rise of English in Southeast Asia, where use of that language is widely seen as a key to success in business and commerce, is arousing the concern of officials and intellectuals who fear that Asian values and na-

mitmeterials who fear that Asian values and na-tional identity are being eroded.

Countries in the region face a dilemma. They acknowledge that English provides access to vital Western science and technology as well as valuable markets in the West. Yet they worry that the price may be a dilution of the cultural strength and cohesion that have helped Southeast Asia emerge in the past few years as one of the fastest-growing economic areas in the world.

A looming explosion of mainly American, English-language television programs beamed to viewers in Asia via satellite is adding to regional con-

George Yeo, Singapore's minister for informa-tion and the arts, warned recently that the ability of governments to control the flow of information

was being weakened.
"The flow is becoming a flood," he said at a meeting in Manila of information ministers from ASEAN, the Association of Southeast Asian Na-

This development, Mr. Yeo said, was "a threat because, as entire communities, we may lose the means to preserve and promote values important

"There is a danger that our traditional cultures may be drowned by the delage of films, TV programs, videos, books and magazines from the West."

While Southeast Asian countries need the widest access to information to "educate our people, bring in the latest technologies and compete in a very competitive world," he said, "free access to information does not mean letting the market

decide what values we should have." Salleh Ben Joned, a Malaysian writer, asserted that as a result of Western programs that were being increasingly aired by local TV stations, "whatever Malaysian culture we had is being heavily diluted, especially among the young."

Despite opposition from ethnic Malay nationalists, a spokesman for the Malaysian government.

said, Malaysia would allow technical subjects, such as science and technology, to be taught in English

However, Mahathir Mohamad, the prime minister, emphasized that there would be no basic change in the government's education and lan-guage policy, which makes Malay the main medi-tum of instruction through university level. Anwar Ibrahim, the Malaysian deputy prime

minister, said that to survive in the economic and corporate arena, Malaysians had to improve proficiency in English. "We cannot be a truly progressive nation if we do not master a language which is

internationally used," he added.

Malaysia, a former British colony, began phasing out instruction in English in 1971 to eradicate vestiges of colonialism and build a national language and identity among a multiethnic popula-tion of Malaya, Chinese, Indians and tribal groups. In Indonesia, where the government had earlier promoted a Malay-based dialect as the national guage, there is concern that the spread of Enghish is undermining the preeminence of Indone-

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A scene from the French film "Baxter" (left) and Mackenzie Astin driving the huskies in "Iron Will."

At the Movies, Dogs Steal the Show

By Benjamin Cheever

GUESS it all started sometime in the eighth century B. C. Homer had a probiem. His main character, Odysseus, wasn't exactly turning out to be sympathetic. The Greek chieftein had just come home from sacking Troy. And — as if that weren't bad enough — he was getting ready to murder a large number of house guests,

First, he planned to disguise himself as a beggar. Then he was going to be insulted by the house guests. Then he was going to kill them all. So the great storyteller did what had to be done: He introduced the dog. Argos hada't seen his master for 19 years. He was lying in a dung heap, covered with fless; but when he heard the old man's voice, he raised his head, wagged his tail and dropped his ears. Then he died

Dogs in books and movies have been doing this, or something like it, from that day to this one. They look at us, and they see good. Nobody else can see it, but they can

We had a humper crop of dog movies this season. The wise, forgiving St. Bernards of "Beethoven's 2nd"—a sequel to the encount of the popular 1992 film "Beethoven"—are still drawing a crowd. "Iron Will," a Disney film about a dog-sied race is about to open in the United States, "Look Who's Talking Now" in a recent memory, as is "Man's Best Priend."

Most dogs in movies are still delivering some rariation on Argos's performance. They love

variation on Argos's performance. They love their people. But the form has changed. Dog movies nowadays are not want deal over week. So or even it years ago. For one district the dogs have become better across.

When "Lassie Comb Home" of medical Radio City Music Hall in 1943. The Ray York Times's critic Bosley Crowther was impressed. "Oftenumes animal pictures state stic unhappy mistake of attributing almost human estimatizations to simple four footed beasts. An outstanding virtue of this picture is that the does nothing of the sort." Crowther liked the imprise so much that when praising the cast he min out of space before he even got to Hizabeth Taylor. of space before he even got to Elizabeth Taylor.

Outside of looking good, and sometimes o Lassie's big job in the movie was to esca her new master and go home. Most of the time this meant heading south. Which is a perfectly good basis for a plot, though it won't exactly get you into the best schools.

This was not uncommon for dog stars of the past. When they had to communicate, they spoke in the manner of Rin Tin Tin (C. K., spoke in the manner of Rin Tin Tin. (*6. K., gidfliend, Missy, from the prison the wicked Rinty, if you bank once, that means we should. Regina has had her locked in, and then they head

both head for the stockade. If you bank twice, I out on a day of pleasure. The dog has no money, should go on alone, and come back with help, yet he and his date eat hot dogs and enjoy a should go on alone, and come back with help. Bark three times, and I'll buy Time Warner.")

Most dogs still can't talk to people, but they certainly can be made to act. There's trick camera work, of course, but animal training has also become more sophisticated. So dog actors don't just wag their tails and bark. Most of them can open doors, ford rivers and cross streets in heavy traffic. Beethoven can actually oll his eyes and does so frequently. Max, the Tibetan mastiff who stars in "Man's Best Friend," will climb trees and pretend to swal-low cats whole. He not only opens doors but also peers through keyholes.

Perhaps the most alarming trend is not how smart the animals can be but how stapid the people have become

Lassie and Old Yeller were clever pets, and sometimes psychic, but they were still dogs, and happy to take second place to the superior intel-lect of their sometimes wrong-headed people. The dogs were kinder, gentler, more loyal than their lamans. But if one family member was going off to college, it wasn't going to be Fido.

HATS all changed. And while the chronology may be difficult to delin-eate exactly, I think it's safe to say that by the time "K-9" came out in 1989, the German shepherd playing opposite James Behishi was not only higher in the L Q.

department, he was also better looking. As for Beethoven, there's no contest. Martin were to drop in on either the big gay's first or second star vehicle, he/she could not help but conclude that the dog is the swartest

animal in the household.

In the first movie, for instance, the St. Bernard is actually able to discern the contents of a legal document without even reading it. The children are relatively intelligent, for humans that is, but still not nearly as sharp as the pet.

The next most intelligent being after the children is the wife. And the dumb one, the almost denecronely sturid member of the tribe

almost dangerously stupid member of the tribe, is the man. The husband. If they weren't so lovable, these guys would be kept in pens.

The Dog Bone with Four-Leaf Cluster go to Charles Grodin, who has held together both

Recalkoven movies and subjected himself to every possible indignity. His breakfast is stolen, his coffee is spilled, his shoes are destroyed and everybody pees into his briefcase.

Meanwhile, Beethoven, fired of his promisir legal career, has fallen in love. He frees his guilfriend, Missy, from the prison the wicked

movie, complete with popcorn. He even convinces one of those pathetic adult human males

to pedal them around town on a gigantic tricycle.
The dogs in "Look Who's Talking Now" are also at least twice as smart as the surrounding people. Rocks the mutt and Daphne the poodle fall in love despite class differences but still have enough energy and intelligence left over to keep their family together. No easy matter, especially when you consider that the missus drives bersel and the kids off the road, in a snowstorm and in a

forest that actually has timber wolves.

It's not just that the dogs are acting more and more like people. The people are acting more and more like dogs. Take "Iron Will." Father Stoneman (John Terry) gives his son, Will (MacKenzie Astin), a lot of doglike advice: Your place is where your dreams are. Don't

ever forget that."

Combine this seat-of-the-pants philosophy
with what we already know about the supidity of fathers, and we're not surprised when this one drives his sleigh into an icy river and dies.

At this point the boy's training is taken over by
Ned Dodd (August Schellenberg), an Indian farmhand who, perhaps not surprisingly, is good with animals. "Irust the dogs," he tells the boy. "Rum with the moon." "When you come to face the thing you fear, let the Creator guide you."

HE people in "Man's Best Friend" but they aren't any of them rocket scientists. Meanwhile, the dog, Max, takes 350 spoken commands in English and Spanish. He doesn't always need to be told, either. When the postman shows up, for instance, Max not only kills him but then neatly

buries the body under the house.

In "Baxter," a 1988 French film (not for children), the dirty-white bull terrier is always three jumps ahead of les humains, who seem both foolish and corrupt.

And so the conviction grows: Dogs aren't just better than people, they're also smarter. It's already too late, I suppose, for our children, or even our children's children, but maybe. — I mean, if Darwin had a clue - our children's children's children won't have boys and girls, they'll have puppies instead. Which leaves me with just one question: Who will buy the tickets?

Benjamin Cheever, whose novel, "The Parti-san," will be published this month, wrote this for The New York Times.

Bringing Afropop to the World

By Ken Braun

EORGES COLLINET was speaking to a group of college students gathered around the turntables, amplifiers and loudspeakers he was setting up on a terrace on the Madison campus of the University of Wisconsin

He chuckled as he recalled that evening last fall. "Before we got started, these guys came up to me, saw all the records and told me to be sure to play a lot of Garth Brooks. Then some other kids asked me if I had anything by a band I'd never heard of. I was afraid no one had come to hear African music."

Collinet was there to promote "Afropor Worldwide," the weekly show on National Public Radio that recently celebrated its fifth anni-

Several times a year, he visits stations around the United States and holds dance parties, spinning the kind of records featured on his show. In Madison, he started the evening with the alluring sounds of juju drums and guitars from Nigeria, followed by upbeat South Afri-

"Some people caught on immediately," he said. "Most of them just stood around with their hands in their pockets. But this music is irresistible. By the time we got into Zairian soukous — whoa! — everybody was dancing, even the gnys dressed like cowboys. When the party was over, I almost had to call the police to make them go home."

Winning new fans for African music is Colliner's vocation. For a quarter-century the 52year-old Washingtoman played African hits for African listeners via shortwave radio, and for the last five years he has used "Afropop Worldwide" to introduce Africa's myriad styles to a

Created, written and produced by Sean Barlow, the only syndicated African music show in the United States is heard on 200 public-radio stations. The BBC carries the series in Britain, the World Radio Network broadcasts it to home satellite dishes throughout Europe and parts of North Africa and the Middle East, and it is heard in southeastern Africa over Radio

OLLINET, who was born in Cameroon and educated in France, has lived most of his life in the United States, Since 1966, he has been the host of "Bonjour l'Afrique," a program broad-cast weekdays from Washington or Paris to Francophone Africa over the Voice of America.

For 14 years, starting in 1978, he also presented "The Sound of Soul" on Voice of America's English service to Africa. His two daily broadcasts reached an estimated 80 million

But despite the success of his Voice of America shows. Collinet received no interest from American radio stations until he met Barlow in 1987. "Here was an American who genuinely loved African music," Collinet said, "and who also had the savvy and drive necessary to convince people to support a show like 'Afropop,' get the funding, take care of the logistics and

Barlow, 36, who is also from Washington, is resident of World Music Productions, a president of world remain pany. His first Brooklyn-based production company. His first



Kanda Bongo Man belting out a Zairian soukous.

encounter with African music was a concert by Alhaji Bai Konte, the Gambian virtuoso of the harplike kora. "I was 12 or 13," he said, "and I'd never heard anything so beautiful."

He took his first trip to Africa in 1985, and in Ghana. Cameroon and Zaire he recorded concerts, informal performances and interviews with musicians. On his return he put together an hourlong program on contemporary African pop music that became the pilot for "Afropop" and raised money from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the National Endow-ment for the Arts to produce one-hour pro-

But selling the idea to local public-radio stations was not easy. Barlow played the music for program directors throughout the United "They liked it, but they weren't sure about putting it on the air once a week," he

Nor was it easy to find a host with broadcast experience, a distinctive radio voice and a solid knowledge of African music. Barlow had been looking for such a person for almost a year when Collinet introduced himself. "Georges is a pro," the producer said. "And he's got great radio chops. He jokes about his accent" — urbane French-Cameroonian — "but it expresses the show's personality perfectly."

In 1988, "Afropop" made its debut on 60 stations, doubling that number the next season and reaching 200 the following year. Since 1990 the series has been called "Afropop Worldwide" to signify its expanded purview, which now also takes in music of the African disspora. Styles of the Middle East, Spain, polyglot Paris, the Caribbean and North and South America

The show's format varies from week to week. Rarely is it simply a selection of tracks from records available on the market. Many programs are devoted to concerts recorded expressly for "Afropop." Others take a thematic approach, focusing on African and Afro-Carib-bean guitar styles, for example, or the rise of women as professional musicians.

One program traced certain rhythms and bass lines from West African folk songs to rock standards like "Blue Monday" and "Louie,

Once or twice a month, the show presents an

aural travelogue, taped mostly at a foreign location. In one program, "A Visit to Cairo," listeners heard the ancient strains of a ney (an Arab flute); the sounds of a Nubian wedding party; a concert recording of Om Kalsoum, the beloved Egyptian diva who died in 1975; a halfdozen current hits, with commentary by the singers, and the hubbub of Cairene streets, over which the voice of a muezzin could be discerned calling the Muslim faithful to prayer.

According to Barlow, the purpose of the program is more than simple entertainment. "Sure, we want people to enjoy what they hear," he said, "but we hope they come away understanding something about cultures that are very different from their own. Please, though, don't call the show 'educational.' That makes it sound so public-radio."

N some ways, the program reveals an Old World to itself. This year the Rocke-feller Foundation awarded World Music Productions a grant to distribute "Afropop Worldwide" to radio networks in Africa. Radio Zimbabwe has been broadcasting the series since May, and other stations on the continent are negotiating to carry it.

"Coals to Newcastle, right?" Barlow suggest ed. "Not at all. Most radio audiences and record markets in Africa are extremely localized. Everybody knows Michael Jackson, but Zimbabweans never have the chance to hear music from Senegal, Senegalese never hear what's happening in Ethiopia, and Ethiopians have no idea what kind of music is being made in Zaire, much less Brazil or Haiti.

John Storm Roberts, the author of "Black Music of Two Worlds," expects "Afropop Worldwide" to correct some widespread mis conceptions about Africa. "Many Africans, particularly among the elite, regard African music as inferior to Western music," he said. "It'll be good for them to hear an American program that takes African music seriously and points out how profoundly it has influenced Western music."

Ken Braun, who has written about African music for more than 10 years, wrote this for The New York Times.



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'Perfect World,' Imperfect Draw

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES - Just about everyone in Holly-I the film "A Perfect World" would emerge a wi How could it miss

The movie paired two of the world's biggest stars, Kevin Costner and Chint Eastwood, whose last few films were financial bonanzas. Audiences at early screenings gave the film high marks. Some critics said that Costner had given one of his finest performances in years, while Eastwood's direction of the movie was praised as the high point of his

Eastwood, Costner and the studio that produced the movie, Warner Brothers, waited for rowds to line up at the box office. They didn't. The movie, which was released just before Thanksgiving has grossed a tepid \$30 million in the United States.

Acknowledging that the film is a tagor disappointment in the United States, Warner Brothers and Hany Hollywood executives are asking why a movie with so much going for it has left audiences cold. The disappointing performance of "A Perfect World" involves the

hmits of star power at the box of-fice; the sentiments of audiences that certain megastars, like Costner, should play only specific types of roles, the deficacy of certain subject matter, like the kidnespring of a child; the problems of marketing and promoting a film for a specific audience, in this case, men. Perhaps most important is the

fact that big-budget, high-profile increasingly rushed into the ferociously competitive movie marketplace without time for studios to letermine the best way to find an

"I always felt this movie was high "I always test this move the phone in what was essentially a fantasy expect will be a violent film.

interview the other day. "I just liked about a rugged bodyguard who pro-the stary. Same, a lot of people are disappointed. But if you don't grow,

The trailers and ads for "A Perthe stays. Since, a lot of people are disappointed. But if you don't grow, you just get in a rut. You can make seenels and imitations and make some dough. But you've got to make a wide variety of things so someday people look back and say, 'Hey, he tried, he did this, he took some

"In this film," Eastwood said,
"the andicace was probably expecting two guys who'd be at each other, or two pals on a wild adventure. It

wasn't that kind or nam.

The brooding movie, set in Texas
in 1963, deals with an escaped conwasn't that kind of film." vict, played by Costner, who kid-naps a 7-year-old boy and holds him hostage as he flees, in the process the boy, who is fatherless, is both ed of and awed by the kidnapper, developing a deep attach-ment to him. And the Costner character is charming and gentle, treating him like a son.

Eastwood plays a Texas Ranger who pursues Costner. Although the peviews were mixed, Janet Maslin, writing in The New York Times, said Cosmer's performance was "absolutely riveting" and called the film "the high point" Fastwood's directing career. Why, then, did andiences fail to show up in large num-

Warner Brothers executives and movie producers are convinced, first, that Costner is one of those tessentially American movie stars (like Gary Cooper) whom andiences demand to see in heroic roles; like the ones he played in "Robin Bood: Prince of Thieves" and "Dances With Wolves." Both

films were major successes: OSTNER'S last film, ceived some textible toviews but grossed an unexpectedly high \$122 million in the United States and \$247 million abroad, largely because men and especially women found Cosmer so appealing

fect World" show Costner in dark glasses, holding a gun and smoking a cigarette, with the young boy be-side him. "Clearly it's a movie about abduction, and clearly he documents appear to be a good guy," said one of the top studio executives here.

"The hero people love to see in the of abducted youngsters, the movie was probably unwritingly hurt by a tough pill to swallow, especially around Christmas."

Moreover, studio executives said that audiences were plainly per-plexed and disappointed that two popular action stars like Costner and Eastwood failed to meet in the film except in the final, tragic moments. In contrast, andiences turned out to see Paul Newman and Robert Redford team up in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," and "The Sting," and Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as buddies in the "Lethal Weapon series.

"In some ways it's discouraging," said John Lee Hancock, the 37-yearold screenwriter of "A Perfect World." "Perhaps people had expec-tations of either a buddy movie or a nail biting, edge-of-your-scat thriller. Perhaps people wanted lots of great scenes of Clint and Kevin drinking beers, looking at each other, giving each other a hard time. This movie isn't that Kevin and Chint and Warner Brothers liked it for what it was. Some people just would not accept Kevin as an antihero. The really nice thing is his

Another problem was that Warner Brothers, quite naturally, promoted the film as a macho Cosmer-Pastwood movie. In fact, "The Bodyguard" with the film is a tender story about a Whitney Houston, re- young boy and a grown man. The young boy and a grown man. The movie looks tougher than it is. As a result, executives say, the so-calle male action crowd leaves the theate disappointed. And women fail to show up because many female moviceners don't want to see what they

reviews have been outstanding."

"A Perfect World" also came up inst the fact that the abduction or serious endangerment of a child is an issue that often repels filmgoers. "A child in jeopardy is just a no-no," insisted one studio marketing execu tive who spoke on condition of ano-

ESPITE its poor per-formance in the United States, the film, which cost about \$35 million seems to be performing far better in Europe and Asia.

Some executives here think that the film probably appeals more to a European sensibility. In addition, they say, because Europeans generally learn about films from newspaper ada and hillboards, it is some es easier to market a film like "A Perfect World" as more of an action film than it really is. Americans; on the other hand, tend to gain a pretty clear idea of what a film is about by watching television ads and trailers in theaters.

Mark Johnson, who produced the film with David Valdes, said simply: "I'm very proud of this movie. It got some speciacular reviews. I'm certainly disappointed by the domestic box office.

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The IMF argued that the currency's high value drove up the prices of exports from the zone, which has seen sharp drops of its main commodities such as cocoa and coffee because of cheaper competition from Asia.

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U.S.-Chinese Textile Talk Set

BEIJING - Negotiations are to resume Saturday in a bid to prevent a trade war over illicit Chinese textile shipments to the United States, the

two countries said Tuesday.

A U.S. Treasury official said he was "optimistic that an agreement will be reached at some stage," and added, "I'm hopeful it will be soon." The U.S. official was in Benjing to prepare for Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen's visit to China next

Mr. Bentsen, who would be the highest-ranking U.S. official to visit in more than two years, is to meet President Jiang Zemin and Prime Minister Li Peng to discuss trade, other economic issues and human rights. The Treasury secretary left Washington on Tuesday and will visit Russia, Thailand

and Indonesia on the way to China.

The administration of President Bill Clinton decided last week to reduce imports of Chinese textiles by as much as 35 percent over what it said was \$2 billion a year in illegal transshipments of

Chinese textiles and clothing to the United States

through third countries.

China responded with threats of retaliation. It also accused the United States of protectionism and threatened to seek international arbitration. A commentary Tuesday in China's leading paper, the People's Daily, rejected the allegation of massive transshipments and called the U.S. action in reducing import quotas "unreasonable and in disregard of

ternational and bilateral agreements. But the Treasury official said China was now "eager to work something out."
The textile flare-up comes with U.S.-Chinese relations already troubled over China's human-

rights policies and international arms sales. Relations would deteriorate further if Mr. Clinton decides in June not to continue China's favor-

able trade status. Mr. Clinton has linked renewal of China's mostfavored-nation status to improvements in human rights in China, where dissidents are imprisoned and speech is severely restricted.

No Progress With Tokyo

TOKYO - A U.S. official

said Tuesday that Washington was disappointed that talks on opening Japanese markets were "going nowhere" despite the change in government in Japan

Joan Spero, undersecretary of state for economic affairs and agriculture, said negotiations on reducing barriers to American and other foreign products in Japan were making little progress. She was in Tokyo to confer

with Japanese officials and as-

NEW YORK --- After a tomultu-

for U.S.-Japanese economic relations, under an agreement reached last summer.

Negotiators had hoped to have agreements ready before Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa meets President Bill Clinton in Washington on Feb. 11. U.S. officials have raised the

pressure on Tokyo in recent weeks by saying expectations are running high in Washington for a solid set of agreements to guide the two countries' relations. Mr. Hosokawa promised pan's trade surpluses.

the company after years of slumping sales and multibillion-dollar

in half, to 20 cents, and the compa-

ny's stock was down 25 cents, to \$13.875, in Tuesday's trading on

the New York Stock Exchange. But some securities analysts applauded

Kemp Fuller Jr., vice president at RAS Securities Corp. in New

York, said he expected further job

cuts in the future as Westinghouse

sells off pieces of its business,

which range from defense to broad-

Inc. executive brought in to shake

Mr. Jordan, a former PepsiCo

the announcement.

ses in its financial-services unit.

The annual dividend will be cut

Westinghouse Sets Layoffs, Cuts Payout

sess talks on a new framework when he took office in August to take the kinds of steps Washington had been seeking to reduce regulations that foreign busi-nesses say make it difficult to enter the Japanese market.

> "We thought we would be leaning with the wind and not against it," Ms. Spero said. "That's why we're disappointed."

in the current talks, Japan has accused Washington of trying to manage trade by insisting on nu-merical targets for shrinking Ja-

up the ailing company, said a total of 6,000 of Westinghouse's 55,000

jobs would be eliminated in the next

two years, many through attrition.

Among the 3,400 being laid off

are about one-quarter of the 900-

employee work force at Westing-

house's Electro-Mechanical Divi-

sion in Cheswick, Pennsylvania.

The division has been hurt by the

drop in U.S. defense spending.

Mr. Lego stepped down a year

ago under pressure from institu-

tional investors angered by huge

losses at Westinghouse Financial

Services, which is being liquidated.

Westinghouse has been further

hurt by declining demand during the U.S. and European recessions.

Chemical Sector Sets the Pace for German Wages

FRANKFURT - West German chemical-sector workers on Tuesday accepted a cut in inflation-adjusted wages in a deal expected to boost employment by injecting flexibility into Germany's

rigid labor market. A 2 percent wage rise agreed for the sector is well below the current inflation rate of around 3.5 percent. A wage freeze for the first three months of a 15-month wage contract back-dated to the end of October last year means workers receive an effective rise of only 1.6 percent.

Economists said the pay deal was a realistic reflection of the continuing recession in Western Germany, where the economy contracted by 1.9 percent last year - a postwar record - and where unemployment has hit a record 2.5 million.

The latest sign of a weak economy came Tuesday with the news that West German gross domestic product fell 0.7 percent in the fourth quarter from a year earlier. But Economy Minister Günter Rexrodt said the data masked a slight recov-

ery during the year.

The chemical sector wage package is likely to set the tone for other sectors, especially the important

Mr. Jordan said the company

charge against fourth-quarter earn-

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reduced its debt by \$3.2 billion in the past year, to \$5.2 billion.

debt to junk status.

Mr. Jordan said the company had

Moody's Investors Service last

metalworking industry, economists

The deal was worked out for 170,000 workers in the North-Rhine area but is expected to be adopted by the whole of the West German chemical industry's 700,000 employees.

Unions had initially sought a rise in line with inflation, but officials appeared satisfied with the result, especially as management had been calling for a total wage treeze.

An IG Chemie union official Hans Terbrack, said, "The intention of the employers to achieve a wage freeze has been blocked." J. P. Morgan's chief economist Bernhard Eschweiler said the ac-

cord was "an incredible deal. It marks a major breakthrough." In addition to the 2 percent rise, the chemicals sector pact has opened up a new flexible corridor for working hours of between 35 and 40 hours a week, against a standard 37.5 hours.

Workers who opt to work less than 37.5 hours get less pay. Workers who put in more time will not receive overtime bonuses.

In a deal for the carmaker Volkswagen AG concluded last year, wages were not reduced by the same margin as a cut in the working week to four from five days.

Bank Julius Bär's chief economist Gerhard Grebe, describing the chemical sector pact as "very, very important," said the agreement contained all the elements needed to take account of the current economic situation in Germany. would take a \$500 million after-tax

The flexibility would ensure job security and the envisaged pay levels would help Germany reduce high unit wage costs.

Mr. Grebe is now predicting av-

ings because of the layoffs, the sale and restructuring of businesses he did not identify, and resolution of erage wage rises in west German In addition, the company is takindustry of 2.2 percent this year, ing a \$95 million charge to add to a reserve related to discontinued opercompared with 3.8 percent in 1993 and 6 percent in 1992. ations, and a \$56 million after-tax

Mr. Grebe said the chemicalssector deal implied that the powerful IG Metall metalworkers union would have to step down from its claim of a wage rise of up to 6 percent. The union has already said week downgraded Westinghouse's it is prepared to accept less, if employers offer job security.

Newspaper Moves Into TV Arena

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New York Times Service
HILADELPHIA — The newspaper industry's aggressive move into electronic media has taken a new step with the Philadelphia Inquirer's announcement that it will broadcast a local mightly newscast.

The move to present "tomorrow's newspaper to-night" is the latest and one of the most extensive by a major newspaper, reversing a decades long stance by publishers who once saw television as the enemy. It reflects the growing activity of U.S. newspapers in electronic media of all types as newspapers work to protect their positions as prime suppliers of information in the electronic age.

Some analysts foresee a day when personalized newspaper screens will include moving video images in addition to text.

Newspapers have been experimenting with various levels of participation in television recently. One of the most extensive projects so far is the year-old Chicagoland Television, a 24-hour cable news channel owned by Tribune Co. Its program-ming is produced with the cooperation of The

P. Anthony Ridder, the president of the Inquirer's parent, Knight-Ridder Inc., amnounced the venture Monday. He said it was a step in the company's "evolution from paint to a full-service information provider." Describing the program as a nontraditional tele-vision newscast, Mr. Ridder said the hourions.

program would be a prototype for other such Knight-Ridder ventures.

Knight-Ridder, which is based in Miami, is one of the country's largest newspaper companies, with \$2.4 billion in revenue.

To produce the program, Knight-Ridder created a subsidiary, KR Video Inc., which will report to Clark Hoyt, the company's vice president for news. Mr. Ridder said the company would make a

multimillion-dollar investment including hiring on- and off-camera staff for the program.

Executives said the program would follow the organization of the next morning's Inquirer and would incinde segments based on the newspaper's investigative journalism. But they said it would go far beyond a simple reading of articles that would appear in the next day's newspaper.

They said that as many as 50 television journalists would be briefed about coming newspaper reports and would prepare television reports on those subjects. Newspaper journalists will appear as interview guests.

Competitors said The Inquirer's resources would give its news program credibility. But, some of them said, television presents different challenges from those faced by print journalists.

"Having the resources of The Philadelphia Inquirer is a wonderful asset," said Roger LaMay, the news director of WTXF, the local Fox affiliate. But how they're going to use those assets and how they're going to translate those assets to television

■ USA Today Turns a Profit

Critics called it McPaper. Fast-food journalism.
And worse. But USA Today has survived. And now,
the newspaper that an analyst once labeled "the
most unprofitable newspaper in the history of the
world" has just completed its first profitable year.

The paper, which sells more than 65,000 copies a day in 90 countries outside the United States, still does not make a profit on its international edition, ar spokesman said

But after a decade of losses estimated at \$600 million, USA Today had an operating profit of \$13 million on revenue of \$367 million in 1993, according to an estimate by Tod A. Jacobs, a securities analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. The newspaper has said it made its first profit last year, but it has not said how much.

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

QVC Won't Lift Bid for **Paramount**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispa NEW YORK — QVC Network Inc. said Tuesday it did not plan to raise its bid for Paramount Comcations Inc. in spite of a revised rival offer by Viacom Inc.

"I still think Paramount is a great opportunity," said Barry Diller, chairman of QVC. "But the bids are in, and let the public decide. As for me, I'm finished."

QVC, a home shopping channel operator, and Viacom, owner of MTV, Nickelodeon and other cable networks, have been fighting over Paramount since September.

Both companies are offering combinations of cash and stock for Paramount, which owns a major Hollywood studio, the Simon & Schuster book publishing opera-tion and two New York sports teams, the Rangers of hockey and Knicks of basketball.

Analysts have said the bid from QVC is higher than Viacom's latest offer. Paramount's board has endorsed the QVC offer and is scheduled to meet Wednesday to consider the latest Viacom bid.

The new Viacom bid contains about \$700 million more cash than the QVC offer, but analysts said the stock portion is so low that the total value of the offer is less than QVC's. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

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Campiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks fell in active trading Tuesday as the bluechip sector's steady advance since the start of the year and Monday's record-setting rally attracted prof-

The Dow Jones industrial average, which surged 44.74 points, to a

N.Y. Stocks

record 3,865.51 on Monday, slipped 15.20 points, to 3,850.31. Eleven issues declined for each nine that advanced on the Big

Treasury securities were mixed. The beliwether 30-year Treasury bond was down 1/32 to 100 5/32. The issue's yield, which moves in the opposite direction of its price, was 6.24 percent, up from 6.23 percent on Monday. Traders said the bond market gave up most of its early gains after Johnson Redbook, which tracks retail sales, reported sales during the first week of January

jumped 5 percent from December. Ralph Bloch, senior vice president and chief market analyst at Raymond James & Associates in St. Petersburg, Florida, said the

market had moved since the start of an analyst at Oppenheimer & Co. the year "in an almost perpendicu-lar way and that almost always in-about the company's treatment for vites some profit-taking."

Mr. Bloch said a modest pull4 at 454. (UPI, AP, Bloomberg)

Weak German Economy Depresses the Mark

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches against the Deutsche mark and most economy starts to show signs of other major currencies on Tuesday lackluster German economy.

week may show growth in the United States

mark right now," said Peter Mi- due on Wednesday. That report chaels, assistant vice president at was expected to indicate whether

Foreign Exchange

Fuji Bank. Concern about Germany's lingering economic slump is

dollar rose to 112,495 yen from 112.250 yen.

The mark fell against major cur-rencies Monday after the German government said gross domestic product fell 1.3 percent in 1993. The report prompted speculation that the Bundesbank would cut interest rates soon to spur growth.
"The mark won't do well against

back would be "a positive for the market. It will take off some of the upside pressure. We need to pause for a day or two."

Teléfonos de Mexico led the most-active list on the New York Stock Exchange, jumping 1¼ to 60%. The stock traded actively for a second day amid reports the Mexican government would sell its remaining 1.5 percent stake through a convertible bond offering.

American Express followed, ris-Echo Bay Mines led the American

Stock Exchange actives, up ¼ to 14¼. Gold was up about \$3 an Schlumberger sank 1½ to 59% amid reports Donaldson Lufkin &

Jenrette cut its investment rating on the stock to "neutral" from "moder-

Scagate Technology was down 1% to 24% after reporting fiscal second-quarter earnings of 59 cents a share compared with 91 cents in

Biogen Inc. shot up nearly 10 percent after an analyst at Vector Securities upgraded the stock and

any currency until the second half NEW YORK — The dollar rose of the year," when the German

life, said Martha Eden, vice presiamid growing pessimism about the dent at Hanseatic Group, a currency trading fund. There were also expectations that a series of data due later this closely watch a series of U.S. data expected in the course of this week, notably a producer price report for "Nobody likes the Deutsche the month of December which is

inflation is rising last enough to prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates. The pound weakened against the dollar but it rose against the mark, ny's lingering economic slump is keeping pressure on the country's currency, he said.

The dollar closed Tuesday at 1.7419 DM, up from 1.7337 DM on Monday. It has risen four pfennig against the mark since Dec. 29. The dollar rose to 112.495 yen from 112.350 area.

Nelson, chief foreign-exchange dealer at Barclays Bank. The pound weakened, however, against the dollar, dipping to \$1.4900, down from \$1.4930.

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Gore Seeks Toll-Free Data Highway

LOS ANGELES - Vice President Al Gore asked the telecommunica tions industry Tuesday to provide free links from the "information superhighway" to every classroom, library and hospital in the United States. Mr. Gore offered representatives of the telecommunications, computer and entertainment industries less-restrictive regulations if they agreed to

freely provide information from those who have it to consumers who The dollar rose to 1.4780 Swiss francs from 1.4715 francs and to communications regulators, allowing interactive communications to come 5.9210 French francs from 5.9060 under a single system. "In return, they would provide their services and (Bloomberg, AFX) access to their facilities to others on a nondiscriminatory basis," he said.

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PARAMUS, New Jersey (AP) - Toys R' Us Inc. said Tuesday it planned to open 115 company-owned stores this year and begin franchising others, especially in the Middle East, in the company's largest expansion.

The world's largest toy retailer also said its board had authorized buying back as much as \$1 billion of the company's stock.

The company recently created a franchising unit and has signed agreements with a business group in Saudi Arabia to develop toy stores there and with Al Futtaim Sons Co. of United Arab Emirates to operate franchise stores there and in Quar, Bahram, Oman and Kuwait. The company plans to open 45 stores in the United States and 70 in other countries in 1994.

Manufacturers Predict 3% Growth

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — The U.S. economy will grow 3 percent both this year and next as consumer spending "slows to a more sustainable pace," the National Association of Manufacturers predicted Tuesday. As economic growth slows from 1993's "quite strong" pace, the manufacturers' group said in its annual forecast, long-term interest rates will slip, leveling off next year. Short-term interest rates, however, will begin to move higher in the second quarter of 1994, "ultimately rising about 90 basis points by late 1995," the association said.

It said the economy in the current quarter would be "comparatively weak, as consumers refrench" and government spending slows. But growth will be bolstered by increased exports as overseas economies strengthened.

Merry-Go-Round Files for Protection

JOPPA, Marylandd (UPI) — Merry-Go-Round Enterprises Inc. filed for protection from its creditors on Tuesday under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code after it was unable to restructure its debts.

The filing, made in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Maryland, had been widely expected after reports emerged last month that the operator of specialty stores had missed payments to many of its suppliers.

International Paper Returns to Profit

PURCHASE, New York (Reuters) — International Paper Co. said Tuesday it continued to be affected by weak international paper prices despite posting fourth-quarter net income of \$100 million, or 81 cents a share, after a loss of \$176 million a year earlier. The company said earnings improved because of strong performance in its forest-products and speciality-products units and productivity gains.

Taiwan Firm Joins Motorola Project

TAIPEI (AFP) — Taiwan's largest wire and cable maker, Pacific Electric Wire & Cable Co., said it had signed a contract Tuesday with Motorola Inc. to join the \$1.6 billion Iridium project aimed at developing global communications network.

Pacific Electric Wire said it would invest \$80 million for a 5 percent

share of the project. The Iridium system is a satellite-based wireless personal communications network that seeks to enable any type of telephone transmission to reach its destination anywhere on Earth at any time. It is to become operational in 1998.

Federal Express Gets GM Contract

MEMPHIS. Tennessee (Reuters) — Federal Express Corp. said Tuesday it had signed a contract to be the exclusive parcel carrier for GM and its subsidiaries. Federal Express will provide door-to-door delivery for domestic overnight letters and packages weighing as much as 30 pounds (13.6 kilograms) for GM's North American operations. It also will handle packages weighing as much as 150 pounds for all other GM operations.

For the Record

The New York Times Co. will take a \$30 million pretax charge for the fourth quarter of 1993 for severance and related costs for "anticipated white-collar staff reductions" at its flagship newspaper. (Knight-Ridder) Mellon Bank introduced a MasterCard credit card on which it would refund as much as 100 percent of the interest paid by its holders, provided they use the card at least once a year for 20 years.

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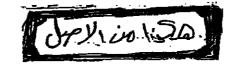
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Conde Faults Bank of Spain's **Banesto Action**

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MADRID — Mario Conde, the ousted chairman of Banco Español de Credito, claimed Tuesday that the Bank of Spain's intervention late last month was unnecessary.

Breaking the silence he had maintained since he was dismissed by Spanish monetary authorities Dec. 28, Mr. Conde admitted that Banesto "had problems" but that these were greatly overestimated by the banking authorities and could have been solved this year if his own rescue plan, backed by J. P. Morgan & Co., had been given a chance.

Mr. Conde insisted that the

bank's liquidity, solvency and stability in no way warrented the central bank's decision to take over, and he quibbled over the central bank's accounting criteria.

At a news conference, Mr. Conde disputed every figure that the cen-tral bank had used as a justification for its emergency takeover of Spain's third-largest bank, measured by deposits. But he ruled out dramatic legal confrontation with authorities, saying he was filing only an "ordinary administrative ap-peal," or legal affidavit, rejecting the Bank of Spain report. Mr. Conde said he was discarding other legal options to safeguard the image of

Spain's financial institutions. Mr. Conde defended his management of Banesto, which he said had the full backing of J. P. Morgan. The U.S. institution had picked Banesto as its first high-risk, high-return investment in its Corsair fund, which had an 8.17 percent stake in the troubled Spanish bank. A Morgan vice chairman, Roberto Mendoza, was a Banesto board member as well. Mr. Gonde insisted that he had the full support of Morgan only days before the

central bank's takeover. The Bank of Spain hastily took over Banesto claiming the entire financial system was threatened. The central bank governor, Luis Angel Rojo, told the legislature that Banesto had a gross shortfall of 500 billion pesetas (\$3.5 billion), a figure Mr. Conde said was overestimated by 460 billion pesetas. The new managers fear the shortfall could be be much higher than the central bank's calculation.

The Bank of Spain report rejected Mr. Conde's restructuring plan as aldo Schmitz, a Deutsche insufficient and unrealistic. It also management board member, is questioned his accounting methods, chairman of the supervisory board

sent the "get-rich-quick" schemes of the late 1980s and was a flamboyant idol for many young people, admitted he made "some mistakes" but blamed Banesto's problems on the generalized Spanish recession. Defending shareholders and his

own 5 percent stake in Banesto, Mr. Conde said a capital reduction was unnecessary. Banesto's new chair-man, Alfredo Saenz, is negotiating a salvage plan that will try to protect investors' equity from being drastically slashed or wiped out, according to a top manager of the new

"I have all my net worth tied up in imagine how important the bank is to me," he added. He said he has not yet taken a decision whether to appear at the next shareholders meeting that will be asked to ap-

prove the rescue plan. "Conde appeared to be totally conciliatory to salvage his own pat-rimony," said Emilio Ontiveros, a director at Analisis Financieros Internacionales. "The impression we have is that he is not looking for combat although he tried to save

EMI Debuts in Frankfurt

New Chief Vows to Resist Manipulation

By Brandon Mitchener

International Herald Tribune
FRANKFURT — His first words were "I understand both German and French," but Alexandre Lamfalussy, president of the new European Mone-tary Institute, said Tuesday that he would resist monetary manipulation in either tongue.

The Bundesbank is one of 12 central banks represented within the EMI," Mr. Lamfalussy said after the institute's inaugural meeting in Frankfurt's City Hall.

"Some are more equal than others," he said. acknowledging the Bundesbank's place as the most powerful central bank in the European Union. But I will not accept any greater influence from the Bundesbank sitting here than if I were sitting at the top of a mountain somewhere else," he added, in neutral English.

He also said there had been "no decision" yet on a director-general for the institute, though France has lobbied for front-row representation.

The central banker's declaration of independence was music to the ears of Germans, who widely regard the political independence of the Bundesbank as vital, and a sign that Mr. Lamfalussy, who was known as the central banker's central banker in his previous capacity as head of the Bank for International Settlements in Basel. intends to play an active role in moderating and

defining European monetary policy. "You can be persuasive, you can try to understand how the others are thinking and you may come to a joint conclusion that there is an interest that we cooperate," he said, describing how he sees his role as mediator between Europe's sometimes mentative central banks.

Mr. Lamfalussy also said that the institute, the forerunner of a European central bank, would immediately go about its business of establishing a framework for monetary policy monitoring and coordination with the goal of introducing a single currency within the European Union by the end of

The timetable has "slipped" from its original deadline of 1997 as a result of two exchange-rate crises, but otherwise stands a reasonable chance of being fulfilled by 1999, he said, noting a "remarkable process of convergence" among Europe's larg-

Though the first meeting of the institute was largely ceremonial, its council, which is made up of Mr. Lamfalussy and the governors of each of the 12 European Union member central banks, made its first personnel decision, naming the Irish central banker as its vice president. Maurice Doyle "has a sensitivity for those areas of the European Union which aren't among the richest countries,"

Mr. Lamfalussy said. Mr. Lamiaussy said.

The monetary institute plans to meet on an irregular basis in Basel until it finds a suitable headquarters in Frankfurt. Its list of possible sites includes the Messeturm, Europe's tallest office building, but Mr. Lamfalussy said he was still

accepting offers. About 130 people will meet the institute's staffing needs through the end of the year, after which it will slowly build up to about 250 employees over the course of two years, he said. Its pay scale will be based on comparable European Union compensation, he said, with his own salary loosely tied to that of a vice president in the European Commission, the EU's executive body.

Carmakers Turn to EU For Help In Crisis

BRUSSELS - European carmakers, forecasting only a small recovery in sales this year, on Tuesday called on the European Union for help in restructuring the industry, which is in its worst crisis since World War II.

"We are not requesting money for the automobile industry to keep it competitive," Giorgio Garazzo, president of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association, said. In the association's white paper on industrial restructuring, released on Tuesday, the body called on the European Commission "to create the appropriate framework conditions to support the industry's own efforts."

These conditions, Mr. Garuzzo said, included helping cushion the blow of large job cuts expected in the restructuring. "Training and reconversion programs are most wel-

Some analysts said they thought major carmakers could make job cuts of 10 percent in 1994 from a work force of more than one million in 1992.

The white paper also called on European countries to reduce employers' costs and said the traditional "nonsupportive" relationship of government and industry should be changed to a more cooperative one.

Mr. Garuzzo said sales of passenger cars and light commercial vehicles in the 12-nation European Union were expected to rise by less than 2 percent in 1994.

Broeker, an analyst at Bank Julius "Even if one believes that the Analysts expect a second step in downturn in the European automothe restructuring to begin soon afbile market may have bottomed ter the financing plan is accepted and that this will entail the sale of out, the expected improvements will be very modest and extremely operations with combined revenue

A recovery will depend on sharply lower interest rates, slower Aside from the banks, other large shareholders, including Germany's largest insurer, Allianz AG Holding, growth in unemployment, a marked recovery in consumer confidence and a pickup in world trade

growth, he said. less about their intentions, but ana-His association said West Eurolysts surveyed felt these companies pean car registrations fell a provi-

have little choice but to accept the sional 15 percent in 1993 to 11.5 million from 13.5 million in 1992. For the European Union alone, the decline was 15.3 percent to 10.7

> Mr. Garuzzo said Japanese carmakers continued to win market share in Europe in 1993 despite the

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• Lehman Brothers said it has handed over stock worth more than £27 million (\$40.4 million) to the liquidator chasing the missing millions belonging to the pension funds of companies owned by Robert Maxwell.

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• LWT (Holdings) PLC, owner of London Weekend Television, expects 1993 pretax profit to rise 43 percent, boosting hopes that shareholders will reject a hostile bid from its rival, Granada Group PLC. Granada said its bid is still 24.5 times LWT earnings.

• Tiphook PLC said it had cut the price of its sale for cash of its container division to Transamerica Corp by £73 million to £757 million.

. Using Sacilor of France sold its majority stake in the bankrupt company Saarstahl AG to the German regional government of Saarland for 1 Deutsche mark (58 cents), the state's economy ministry said.

Karstadt AG, the department-store chain, said sales for 1993 rose about 1.2 percent, to 20.8 billion Deutsche marks.

Deutsche Aerospace AG said it rejected a proposal by Lower Saxony government to save a Deutsche Airbus plant from being shut down. The plan would have involved continuing to maintain civilian aircraft.

The European Commission said it had cleared the planned takeover of Nobel Industrier AB of Sweden by Dutch Akzo NV.

 Arismespace SA's chief executive, Charles Bigot, said 1993 sales would be about 4.5 billion French francs (\$764.4 million) and that the company planned to launch 30 rockets in the next 36 months.

Hermes International SCA, the French luxury-goods concern, said it has revised upward its 1993 net profit forecast to 200 million French francs from 175 million francs.

 Banca Commerciale Italiana's public offering will be a "twin" to that of Credito Italiano's, said Romano Prodi, chairman of IRI, the Italian state holding company that plans to sell its 57.4 percent stake in the bank.

• The European Union's competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, has asked other commissioners for their views on clearing a joint venture in the steel tube sector among IRI's Ilva SpA unit, Man Werke and Vallourec's Valtubes, sources said.

• Générale de Banque SA. Belgium's biggest bank, said 1993's secondhalf net consolidated profit was in line with the first-half total of 5.8 billion Belgian francs (\$161.6 million).

Spanish unemployment was 17.54 percent in December, up 0.98 percent.
 Bloomberg, AP, AFP, AFX, UPI

Key Banks Accept Metallgesellschaft Plan

FRANKFURT — Deutsche Bank AG and Dresdner Bank AG, Metallgesellschaft AG's two largest shareholders, said Tuesday that they had approved a 3.2 billion Dentsche mark (\$1.85 billion) rescue plan for

the ailing metals conglomerate. The announcement came a day ahead of the Jan. 12 deadline for creditor banks to accept the plan, which was presented by Karl-Josef Neukirchen, Metallgesellschaft's new chairman, and calls for a stock issue as well as a debt-for-equity swap to recapitalize the company.

Metallecsellschaft said it faced potential cumulative losses of 3.3 billion DM for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1993, and faces insolvency if the rescue plan is rejected.

Deutsche Bank is both one of the main creditors of Metallgesellschaft as well as a major shareholder, with a 10.65 percent stake. Ron-

at Metallgesellschaft, and the bank bank was not in agreement with the its 60,000 employees worldwide is chairman of the coordinating rescue plan. committee of creditor banks. Dresdner owns 12.6 percent of Me-

The bank announcements lent support to the perception that the rescue plan would be accepted. Meesellschaft shares rose 3 DM on Tuesday to close at 236 DM.

"Metallgesellschaft will survive," said Martin Kohlhanssen. executive of Commerzbank AG. "It will be in existence the day after tomorrow, and the day after

There were signs of dissent, however, in the German banking com-munity. Dentsche Bank criticized top managers of Norddentsche Landesbank Girozentrale in Hannover for publicly challenging the

Margarita Mathiopoulos, a press spokeswoman for Norddeutsche, quoted Manfred Bodin, the bank's chief executive, as saying that the

Deutsche Bank said that the statements had been "extremely unprofessional" under the circumstances and dangerous for the entire rescue effort. "In addition, the statements are not representative of the general feeling" among the creditor banks, it added.

Mr. Bodin had said that not all of the 120 creditor banks will approve the plan, according to Ms.

Deutsche Bank rejected the sug-gestion from Norddeutsche that shareholders must contribute disproportionately to the rescue by accepting an equity writedown. holders would suffer dilution. Despite the bankers' dispute, a

consensus has emerged among German analysts that Metaligeselischaft will not be allowed to

"We agree with the restructuring plan and we are willing to support it." said Ursula Mertzig-Stein, a spokeswoman for Daimler-Benz, but everyone must take part." If this did not happen, she added, "we would have to reconsider our posi-(Bloomberg, AFX)

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Some also said that, with £8 billion of debt on its books, on which it currently pays £650 million in annual interest, Eurotunnel could hardly afford to try to undercut the farries on price.

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started to wear off and Le Shuttle incentive to compete on price," Many analysts, however, said the should have all its rolling stock in said Dan Wilson, an analyst with ferry operators' relief from price place.

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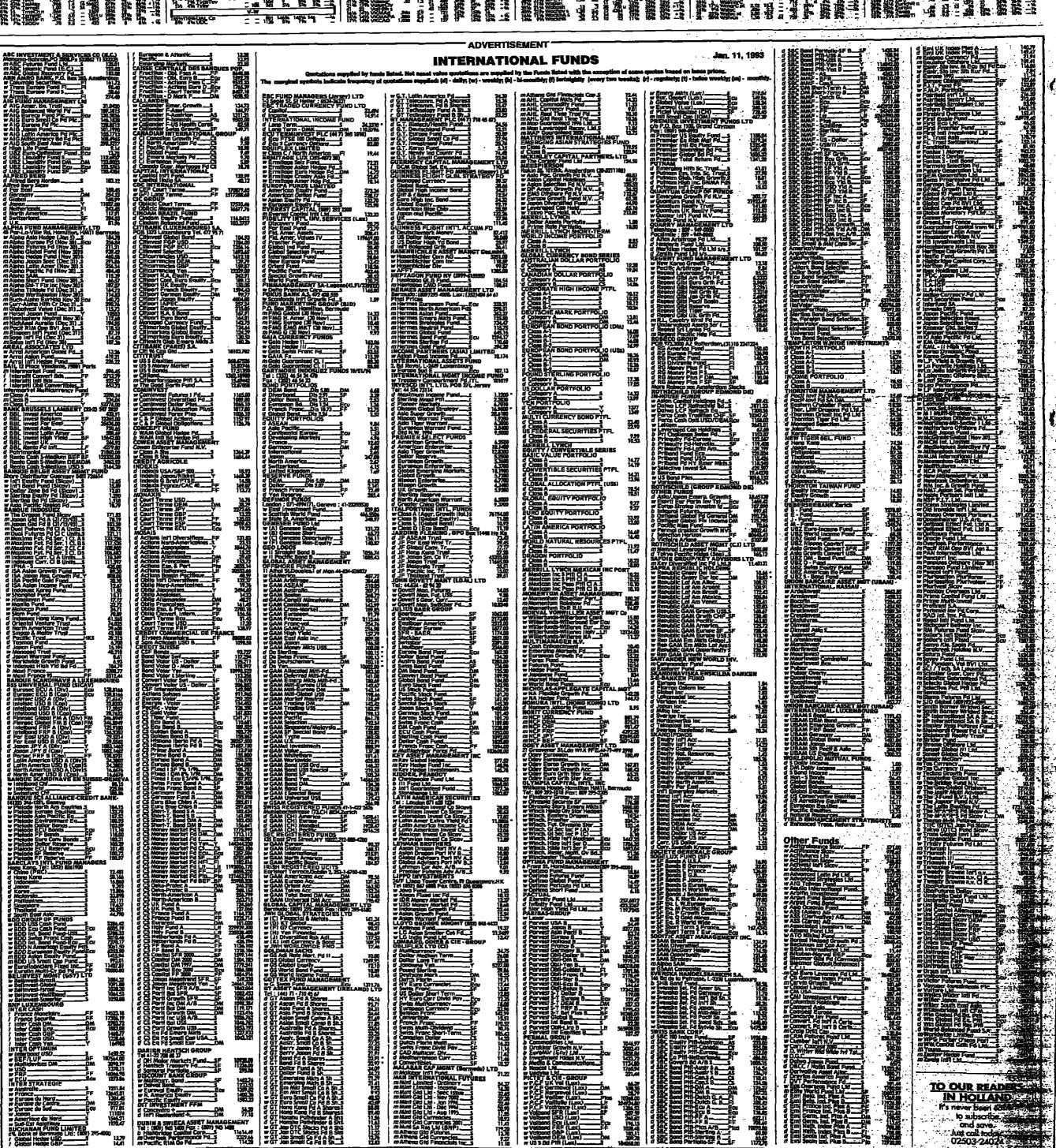
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"The fares will be determined by what the market will bear, and that is far different from Euronamel's impressions of the market when it is not yet even open." Mr. Stoddart of Charterhouse Tilney said.

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Seoul's Cellular Auction Domestic Bids Are Sought for Phone Firm

SEOUL — A 44 percent stake in South Korea's Its decision is due next month.

The federation was brought in to help set up the new network.

The federation was brought in to help set up the new network. mobile-telephone monopoly will be auctioned to domestic investors, the government announced Tuesday, raising a projected 600 billion to 700 billion won (\$740 milion to \$863 million).

in newspaper advertisements, the state-owned Korea Telecom said it would sell 2.44 million shares in Korea Mobile Telecommunication Corp. Jan. 24 and

25, leaving it with a 20 percent holding.
A Communications Ministry official said the sale

Foreign investors already own 10 percent of the company's shares and thus cannot take part in the auction.

block of shares. Overseas investors already own 10 percent of the company's shares, the maximum allowed by South Korean law, analysts said.

The stock was trading at 284,000 won Tuesday on

the Seoul stock exchange. At that price, the planned anietion would raise 692.96 billion won, but analysts said they expected the auction to send the price much

higher.

Korea Mobile Telecom currently is the only concern

Concern content of the content of t that installs and operates cellular phones in South Korea. A second network is to be formed this year.

Analysts said the stock auction would cool off the competition currently raging among six consortiums bidding for a share of the second network.

The government in December mandated the Federation of Korean Industries, a South Korean business

network after an embarrassing dispute erupted over the government's first attempt to award the contract,

At that time, a consortium led by the Sunkyong group withdrew its successful bid amid protests over alleged nepotism. The son of Simkyong's chairman, Chey Jong Hyon, is married to a daughter of former President Roh Tae Woo.

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The six consortums now being considered are all led by large conglomerates, including Sunkyong, the Korea Mobile Telecom is a popular stock with steelmaker Pohang Iron & Steel Co. and the Kolon foreigners, but they will not be able to bid for the new group.

auction of 1.85 million shares, equivalent to 33.3 percent of Korea Mobile Telecom's total shares outstanding, and a minimum bid of 200 shares.

"Having an alternative — it's good news," Choi Jae
Wan, director of the POSCO-led consortium, said on

wan, curector of the POSCO-fed consortium, said on hearing details of the Mobile Telecom share auction. Lee Sang Jin, market strategist at Schroder Securi-ties, said the decision to hold the auction would make matters easier for companies trying to decide how to take part in the industry. Several other analysts agreed

that having two options may go a long way toward satisfying all bidding parties.

Nothing has yet been decided, but we are seriously studying both possibilities," an official at the Sun-kyong led consortium said. "It will take more time. We should consider our relations with foreign partners

and the issue of money Analysts said the most likely scenario would be that POSCO, which has a lot of liquidity, would take a stake in Korea Mobile Telecom, leaving Sunkyong to

lead the second consortium. But Mr. Choi of POSCO said the company had gained an edge in the race for the second contract through its partnership with American digital systems

Malaysian Shares Petronas Prices Sale Slide, but Analysts Of Unit Say It's Time to Buy

KUALA LUMPUR -Shares in Petronas Dagangan Bhd., the retailing arm of the state oil company, will be of-fered to the public at 2.80 ring-git (\$1.05) each, executives of the oil company said Tuesday. Executives of Petroliam Na-sional Rhd or Petroliam Said warned that a steep fall in share prices was imminent, but analysis said their long-term faith in the sional Bhd., or Petronas, said 94.5 million, or 25 percent, of Dagangan's shares would be

lysts and traders cited comments by Daim Zainuddin, a former fi-

and will be sold at a discount. The retailer would be the first unit of Petronas to be ment attempt to cool off an over-shares from 637.3 million Monday. listed on the Kuala Lumpur heated market. exchange, with trading expected to start in March, company In announcing its under-

Daim predicted that a decline in share prices was coming soon, adding that small investors would be hurt the most and that "this time Malaysia's biggest blue-chip issues: around the government will not bail out anybody."

financial markets, Malaysia's cen- Sime Darby fell 0.65 to 6.55. tral bank announced measures laysia and curbing speculation in its currency, the ringgit.

AUALA LUMPUR — Malay-sia's benchmark stock index phinged 5.6 percent Tuesday after a government economic admires that it must keep on deposit with the central bank - to include "all funds sourced from abroad."

The central bank said the move, The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange's composite index lost 67.20 points, its biggest single-day point loss ever. to end at 1,139.55. Analysts and traders cited appearance including stock and the move, while intended to keep short-term capital flows "manageable," was not expected to affect funds intended for genuine investment in Malaysia, including stock and the move, while intended to keep short-term capital flows "manageable," was not expected to affect funds intended for genuine investment in Malaysia, including stock and the move, while intended to keep short-term capital flows "manageable," was not expected to affect funds intended for genuine investment in Malaysia, including stock and the move, while intended to keep short-term capital flows "manageable," was not expected to affect funds intended for genuine investment in Malaysia, including stock and the move, while intended to keep short-term capital flows "manageable," was not expected to affect funds intended for genuine investment in Malaysia, including stock and the move, and the move appearance in the stock and the move and the move

In the stock market Tuesday, al nance minister and current cabi- though the decline was broad, dealnet-level economic adviser, that they said appeared to be a governand volume fell to 566.3 million

There was no panic," said Ke-In an interview carried by the vin Lee, institutional business man-state news agency Bernama, Mr. ager at Arab-Malaysian Securities. "It was a selldown on small volume. It was a healthy correction." The casualties included many of

Telekom Malaysia fell 1.50 ringgit (56 U.S. cents) to 18.80, the power In another step that seemed utility Tenaga Nasional was off aimed at cooling off the country's 0.40 to 16.70, and conglomerate

In Singapore, a market with Tuesday aimed at curbing the in-flux of short-term funds into Ma-Times Industrial Index lost 76.16 points, or 3.1 percent, to close at 2,348.20. (Bloomberg, AFX) (Bloomberg, AFX)

Investor's Asia Hong Kong Singapore Straits Times Tokyo. Nikkei 225 Hang Seng 20000 **Z300** 19000-2150 18000 ----17000-16000 A'S Tuesday Close Prev. Index Exchange Close 11,156.80 11,366.90 -1.86 Hong Kong 2.348.20 ... 2.424.36 Straits Times Singapore 2,206.70 .2,184.80 All Ordinaries 18,485.25 18,443.44 +0.23 Nikkei 225 1,206.75 Kuala Lumpur. Composite 1:139.55 +3.87 1.605.06 1,545.28 Bangkok Composite Stock 881.02 +0.91 873.04 Seoul . 6;343.83 -1.63 6.240.39 Taipei Weighted Price 3,089,39 -1.36 3.047.36 607.69 508.05 Jakarta 2,256.11 2,251.52 +0.20 1.823.09 -0.35 National Index 1,816.64 Bombay .

Very briefly:

The People's Insurance Co. of China, which holds 98 percent of the nation's insurance business, posted income of 49.83 billion yuan (\$5.74 billion) in 1993, up 36.1 percent from 1992, the Financial News reported.

Taiwan and China may set up a joint venture to produce short-haul regional passenger airlines under a plan by the Taiwan government to develop the local aerospace industry.

 Glaxo Holdings PLC's unit in India was ordered by a court in Bombay to suspend operations for 10 days for selling drugs beyond their expiration dates over a period of eight years.

Nintendo of America Inc. said it planned to relocate its U.S. production facilities to Mexico and lay off 136 workers.

 Sanyo Electric Co. cut its sales forecast for the year that ended Nov. 30, 1993 to 1.02 trillion yen (\$9.13 billion) from a previous forecast of 1.08 trillion yen, but left its profit forecast unchanged at 6.5 billion yen. Profit totaled 10.69 billion yen in the previous year.

 Toshiba Corp. said it would invest 20 billion yen to double capacity at its main plant for dynamic random-access memory chips by the end of the year, raising output to 2 million units a month

 Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. announced plans to launch a home entertainment player developed by 3DO Co. of the United States. The interactive multiplayer, which produces digital graphics and compact-disc sound, has been marketed in the United States since October.

China is drawing up a seven-year plan to expand its coal industry. Production of coal, which supplies more than two-thirds of the country's energy needs, rose by 25 million metric tons last year, to 1.14 billion tons, and it is expected to top 1.16 million tons this year.

Japan's Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Eijiro Hata said the retail price of selected shipments of imported rice for daily use would be as little as half that of domestic rice. He said Thai rice should be priced at 50 percent of domestic grain and California rice at 70 percent.

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Stocks Doom

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche TOKYO - Itochu Corp. said Tuesday that it would close its C. Itoh Finance Cosp. subsidiary at a cost of 28 billion yen (\$250.9 million) because of the financing unit's losses on stock holdings.

Itochu Unit

Itochu, Japan's biggest company in terms of sales, said the muit was unable to absorb comulative portfolio losses of 15.6 billion yen through Aug. 31, exceeding the unit's net worth by 3.1 billion yen.

Itochu cut its net profit estimate to 2 billion yen from 6 billion yen for the year to March 31. (Bloomberg, AFX)

China's Industry Surges by 23%

BELING - China's industrial production grew at record speed in 1993 but the cracks in the systemgrowing debt of state enterprises, falling efficiency and the imbalance between the rich east and the

poor west --- widened. Data issued on Tuesday by the State Statistical Bureau showed that industrial output in 1993 was... 3.5 trillion yuan (\$403.7 billion), an increase of 23.6 percent over 1992, percent. when output rose 20.8 percent over

a year earlier. It was the highest growth rate since China began its open-door and reform policies in 1978 and one of the highest since the Communist revolution in 1949, excluding years when radical political campaigns make official figures suspect.

The bureau said that each of the 13 months between July 1992 and August 1993 saw year-on-year industrial output growth of more than 20 percent, before govern-ment cooling measures, launched in July, brought down the rate.

Steel output in the year rose 10.9 percent, while the output of other important industrial materials such as soda ash, cement and dyestuffs rose from nearly 17 percent to 30

Such figures also reveal, however, an economy seen by many analysis to be in overdrive as well as growing imbalances in the system. Production by state concerns rose 8.9 percent over 1992, while that recorded by collective enterprises rose 39.8 percent and roral enterprises 57.6 percent.

inces from Shandong to Hainan grew more than 30 percent over 1992, with increased output in the year accounting for 58.3 percent of the new output of the whole country. But the poor provinces in the west and center of China fell further behind the coastal provinces.

sold in an offering that would

also include 60 million war-

rants at 1.05 ringgit each and

300 million ringgit of Islamic bonds, which pay no interest

writing agreements, Petronas

Dagangan also said its pretax

profit had fallen to 78.4 mil-

lion ringgit in the year ended March 31, 1993 from 81.4 mil-

lion ringgit the previous year.

said Dagangan had 400 sta-

tions that control about 30

percent of the oil-products

market and 41 percent of the

retail petroleum market in

Malaysia. (Bloomberg, AFX)

The company executives

executives said.

There was no improvement in the debt owed by state companies, which reached a total of 56.9 billion yuan, accounting for 48 percent of their profits, while they remained plagued by cash shortages.

For 1994, the bureau forecast continued high growth, high capital investment, higher wages, a booming consumer market and a yearon-year growth rate of at least 15 percent in the first quarter.

CITIC May List Car Arm

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HONG KONG — CITIC Pacific, China's main public company in Hong Kong, said Tuesday it may list separately its rapidly expanding Dah Chong Hong trading, retailing and vehicle distribu-

Analysts said Dah Chong Hong could have a market capitaliza-tion in excess of \$2 billion if its shares were floated. "These guys have a superb track record of never doing a corporate transaction that results in lower asset value per share for their shareholders," said Sheldon Kasowitz, director of Jardine Fleming Asia Research. CITIC Pacific said it is in very preliminary talks with its financial

advisers, and it warned that there is no definite plan. Dah Chong Hong, whose interests include a large car-distribution

business in Hong Kong and China and a chain of supermarkets, will contribute around 40 percent of CITIC Pacific's profit in 1994. Separately, Dragonair, the regional carrier that is partly owned by CITIC as well as Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., said it would lease two Airbus A-330s for delivery in 1995 and had an option to lease a third

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NOTICE TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

ASIAN CAPITAL HOLDINGS FUND

The shareholders are hereby convened to the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held in Luxembourg on January 21st. 1994 at 10:00 a.m. with the following agenda: increase of the authorized capital from USD 70.000.000 - to

Article 5 \$1 of the Articles of Incorporation will be amended accordingly and will have to be read as follows:

"The Corporation has an authorized capital of ninety million United States Dollars (USD 90,000,000.) to consist of eighteen million (18,000,000.-) authorized shares of a par value of five United States Dollars (USD 5.-) per share.

The shareholders are advised that a quorum of 50% is required for the item of the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting and that a decision will be taken at the majority of the two thirds of the shares present or represented at the meeting, each share is entitled to one vote. A shareholder may act at any meeting by

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SPORTS

Magic's Victory: Discreetly Sweet

ORLANDO, Florida - It was a sweet victory, but one Orlando's Scott Skiles said had to be kept in perspective if the Magic are to keep progressing toward their goal of making the National Basketball Association's playoffs.

We played well tonight, and we won, but I don't think we should make more of it than that," the seven-year pro said after the 115-100 triumph over the Houston

NBA HIGHLICHTS

Rockets on Monday night. "It was one game. We've beaten Houston before, so that's all it really was." Some of Skiles's teammates, however, felt it was a breakthrough for the young franchise, which is trying to make the playoffs for the

'We're just trying to show everybody we can play with the big teams," said the rookie Anfernee Hardaway.

Hardaway had 28 points and six assists and Shaquille O'Neal won a personal matchup against Hakeem Olajuwon with 28 points and seven rebounds as Orlando won its third straight while ending Houston's four-game winning streak.

Kansas Runs Streak to 12

Senior Steve Woodberry tied his

career high with 26 points and sparked a run midway through the second half as third-ranked Kansas beat Oklahoma, 94-84, to open its Big Eight Conference season. Kansas outrebounded Oklahoma

USA Basketball announced that by 57-41 on Monday night and has now beaten every team on the boards in its 12-game winning streak. The Sooners shot 42 percent,

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

the first team to do better than 36 percent in the Kansas streak. Greg Ostertag had a career-high 14 rebounds and scored 11 points

for Kansas (16-1, 1-0 Big Eight). The loss came despite a brilliant offensive performance by Jeff Webster for Oklahoma (8-4, 0-2). Webster, who has been on a tear in five games since Christmas, scored

No. 2 Duke 89, Brown 71: Cherokee Parks scored 25 points and Duke pulled away from Brown in the last seven minutes as it began a third consecutive season with 10

rone Wheatley and Ohio State's bility the day before. Straight victories. No. 14 Connecticut 75. No. 16 Joey Galloway are staying in col-Syracuse 67: Connecticut (13-1), lege. Alabama's David Palmer, Aution's top running backs, also said led by Donvell Marshall's 20 burn's James Bostic and Nebraspoints, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots, got off to its first 40 blocked shots, got off to its first 40 the National Football League. start in the Big East despite shooting a season-low 39 percent. Syraer who maintained all season he their senior seasons. cuse (9-2, 2-2) lost in its first road would return for his senior year. game of the season.

• Makhtar Ndiaye, the 6-foot, 8inch forward from Senegal who was declared ineligible to play for Wake Forest because of recruiting violations, signed a letter of intent with Michigan and is to suit up Thursday when the Wolverines play Ohio State.

The Magic broke open a close game with a 17-4 run in the first eight minutes of the fourth quarter. O'Neal shut down Olajuwon, and Hardaway scored two baskets in a five-minute, 13-0 run for Orlando.

Olajuwon finished with 26 points, 11 rebounds and five one point in the fourth quarter.

Houston shot only 32 percent in the final period and committed 26 turnovers, 12 more than Orlando, which became just the fifth team in 30 games to shoot 50 percent against the Rockets.

The Magic also got a lift from an sistant coach, Tree Rollins, who agreed earlier in the day to come out of retirement as a temporary backup for O'Neal.

Rollins, filling in for the injured Greg Kite, played eight minutes and had two points, two rebounds, one steal, one assist and one blocked shot — impressive num-bers for a 38-year-old who hadn't played since ending a 16-year career last spring.

 Doctors said Vernon Maxwell had passed a treadmill stress test, but that it remained uncertain when he would return to the Rock-

Team doctors said Maxwell had suffered from an episode of atrial librillation, also known as cardiac arrhythmia, or irregular heartbeat. They said he had been given medication that stabilized his heart rate.

• Isiah Thomas, left off the "Dream Team" for the Barcelona Olympics, has been named to the U.S. squad that will compete this summer in the world championships in Toronto. That team will form the core of the 1996 U.S.

Thomas would replace Tim Hardaway, the Golden State guard who tore a knee ligament in October and who will remain an honorarv team member.

i to the team.

"Maybe I'll go play for another country and try to do that," he said. extra playoff round. Tve got to go to a country that's

NEW YORK - Michigan's Ty-

Palmer, an All-American receiv-

changed his mind and said Monday

"I've tried to look at all sides, but

the bottom line is I have to fulfill

the needs of me and my family," said Palmer, who finished third in

Quarterback Heath Shuler of

the Heisman Trophy balloting.

he will enter the NFL draft.



The Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon found himself stymied by the Magic's Shaquille O'Neal, especially in the deciding fourth quarter.

Baseball's Owners and Players **Stymied on Division Lineups**

pool should come from more than

the minimum number of games in

each series — four in a best-of-

seven series and three in a best-of-

planation for not doing it," said

Klingler of Houston; running

backs Marshall Faulk of San Diego State, Greg Hill of Texas A&M.

Mario Bates of Arizona State, Wil-

Byron Morris of Texas Tech; re-

and Darnay Scott of San Diego State; linebacker Jamir Miller of

yer of Florida State; and defensive

linemen Sam Adams of Texas

A&M, Dan Wilkinson of Ohio

State and Bruce Walker of UCLA.

There remains no rational ex-

By Murray Chass New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Less than three months before the start of the season, the major league baseball chubs and their players still don't know if they will compete in two divisions in each league or three. A negotiating session between

Kevin Johnson, the Phoenix labor representatives of the two Suns' guard, had expected to be sides Monday produced slight movement but no agreement on divisional alignment and a proposed

The clubs budged for the first time got a good chance, though Maybe in their stance on players' postseason the Brazilian team. I'm sure one of shares, the roadblock to an agreemy ancestors can link up there." ment, but the union said the change

Tennessee, the Heisman runner-up.

Bostic and Jones, two of the na-

Ten, decided to stick around for

Monday was the deadline for un-

derclassmen to declare their eligi-

least 17 underclassmen have an-

nounced they are entering the

draft. The final list will be released

draft included quarterbacks Trent len property.

by the NFL later in the week.

bility for the April 24-25 draft. At

had given up his last year of eligi-

More Top Collegians Opt for NFL

did not address its basic concern. Eugene Orza, the union's associate Both sides declined to discuss general counsel. Although the chibs details of the meeting, the first in formerly received a set rights' fee more than a month, but one person for all postseason games, they will gain revenue from the sale of televifamiliar with the talks said the clubs had offered an increase in the sion commercial time for each postseason money they would game under their new television guarantee the players. They offered no change, however, in the number

After the players' executive of games from which gate receipts would finance the players' pool. The union believes the players' board met in Arizona last month, the union made a new proposal to the clubs, saying they would seek no additional money for the exist-ing series but wanted to share gate receipts from each game played in

■ The Associated Press reported: Bip Roberts, a switch-hitting leadoff hitter and second baseman returned to the San Diego Padres, agreeing to a \$1.5 million, one-year

Roberts, who earned \$3.9 million last year with the Cincinnati Reds, can earn another \$500,000 in performance bonuses if he plays as many as 140 games.
Also, Leo Gomez and the Balti-

more Orioles agreed to a \$500,000, one-year contract, up from Byron Morris of Texas Tech; re-ceivers Thomas Lewis of Indiana and Darnay Scott of San Diego on Dec. 19, agreed to a \$500,000. one-year contract with the Brewers, UCLA; defensive back Corey Saw- double his \$245,000 salary last sea-

Left-hander Scott Radinsky and the Chicago White Sox agreed to a \$1.05 million, one-year contract, Walker, who played three sea-sons at UCLA, was suspended for Delino DeShields agreed to a \$2.7 the NFL later in the week.

the 1993 season after pleading no million salary with Los Angeles. He contest to a charge of receiving stoast season.

Marseille Probe Hits Legal Snag

PARIS — The prosecutor investigating the Olympique Marseille soccer scandal has threatened to call off the probe, a newspaper reported Tuesday, because a legislative office has blocked the arrest of the team's owner Bernard Ta-

pie, a parliamentary deputy. "The problem is that now we can't do anything more," Eric de Montgolfier told the newspaper InfoMatin.

The National Assembly Office on Monday turned down a request that would have allowed prosecutors to arrest Taple or require him to report periodically to police. The of-fice only cited "ambiguity" in the request.

The number of players eligible for arbitration was reduced to 105. Most players will wait until Fri-day's deadline to file.

 Chub Feeney, 72, who as the National League president stood firm in his opposition to the desigin San Francisco.

Feeney, the NL president from 1970 to 1986 and a former general manager of the New York Giants, died of a heart attack, the hospital

• Johnny Temple, 66, a five-time all-star second baseman who played most of his career with the Cincinnati Reds, died in Anderson, South Carolina. He had been diag-nosed with pancreatic cancer in September, according to his son,

Italy's Lament

ONDON — Throughout Italy you hear the plaintive cry: Come in No. 9, your time is now. This is World Cup year and soccer afficionados know that Italians have won three World Cups and threatened to take more. The common denominator is a No. 9, a center-forward of potent, often glowering scoring ability.

But they don't make them like they used a to do. Sure, Italy boasts

Roberto Baggio, a near perfect No. 10. But he camaot go on scoring all the goals, making all the plays without a reliable running partner to take the physical weight in attack, to shield and to share the goal scoring. Alone, aggio is a plumber without a mate, a president without a vice president. This Wednesday, two Italian clubs, AC Milan and Parma, contest the so called European Super Cup. Milan prefers imported strikers, exotic creatmes from other lands, Parmas has the mercurial Colombian Fanstino Asprilla, and tends to keep in reserve Alessandro Melli, the Olympic striker of 1992 who promised to be a Faolo Rossi in the making.

Melli is adrift, as is Pierloigi Casiraghi, a tall, sturdy front runner coveted and then cast off by Juventus and now second choice at Lazio ehind the Croat Alen Boksic.

Poor Italy. Its youngbloods are subsumed by foreigners. Shades of the 1950s when John Charles, the "Gentle Giant" from Wales, scored goals

for Juventus while the predicted teenage phenomenon Bruno Niccoli got lost in Charles's broad shadow.

It is not only youth that breaks. Gianluca Vialli should be in the prime predicted by scientific evaluation of his

exceptional inner strength of lung capacity and muscle power. Alas, poor Vialli, after Juventus paid Sampdoria billions for him he developed feet of clay, or rather porcelain. The trouble with Vialli is that bones in his right for broad water has been provided in the provided by And between interior the wind

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foot break even when he kicks a penalty. And between injuries, the mind-has acquired several cracks of self-doubt.

At least the skeletal Paolo Rossi delivered World Cup magnificence in-

1982 before his crippled knee joints gave in Rossi, a thief in the goalmouth whom Italy had been amnested from a prison sentence for taking bribes in a betting scandal so that he could score at the World Cup. He shot Italy to triumph, and surpassed in that achievement Gigi Riva, a lone Sardinan striker around whom Italy built for 11 years such a fixation that players seemed still to pass the ball to him after he had

Following Rossi, scurrying through quick as a comet at the 1990 World Cup, came and went Toto Schillaci. The diminutive, darting Schillaci.

rode an astonishing high in 1990.

He came out of Sicily, arms pumping, eyes popping, elbowing Vialli out of the team and scoring goals. Since then, Schillaci has cut a peripheral figure, seen more often than not on the bench or the treatment ONG BEFORE, much longer than the reach of my memory, the

one of heroke, indea tager than the reason of my memory, the gods of Italian goal scoring were apparently winners of far greater reliability and staying power. "The best of them all," says soccer historian Brian Glanville, "was Silvio Piola."

Blessed Glanville is with a scholarly grasp of Italian and a peerless recall of time and place, his new edition of "The Story of the World Cap"

(Faber and Faber) continues to be the magnum opus of international soccer in the English language.

One call to Glanville directed me to page 37 of his book, in which be breathes life into Piola thus: "It was Piola who turned the tide" against

France in the 1938 World Cup in Paris.

"He not only threatened the French goal, but distributed the ball

superbly with head and both feet, and moved cleverly to the flanks, lithe and explosive. When his opponent, the naturalized Austrian Gusti Jordan, was presumptuous enough to leave him in the second helf it proved disastrous." Piols scored twice in that match, and twice more in the final, when Italy

beat Hungary, 4-2. Even Guiseppe (Peppino) Meazza, his captain and the center-forward of 1934, was moved by Piola, moved to a supporting role at inside forward. Mind you, Meazza's place as a double World Cup winner is immortal ized: the stadium at San Siro in Milan bears his name.

Gianville was born barely three years before Meazza led Italy, less than seven before Piola. But he listened to good winesses, to men who played against them, and in Plorence he cangit up with Piola in the fiesh.

"I had known that a goal he scored against England in Milan in 1939 was put in by a punch," recollects Glasville, proving that nething, not even Maradona's "listed of God" goal is an invention of modern times.

"I set close to Piola at a cofficient of Discrete Alla Beautiful Description."

"I sat close to Piola at a cafe in the Piazza della Repubblica in Florence; and I called out about the goal. He admitted it was with the fist, and indeed his fist had caught the eye of George Male, the Ansenal fullback.
"I also saw Piola playing, in 1952 at the age of 38, again against
England in Florence." In that match Piola used his elbows much in the destructive fashion the current macho men are doing, but Gianville, getting to know Piola when he subsequently took up coaching and became the first manager of Italy's under 23 side, insists: "I was fond of

the old boy, a fine center-forward with a wonderful thirst for the game."

As Gianville, the chronicler, awaits his first — the first — World Cup on American soil, as he impatiently awaits signs of whether his 7-month-old grandson kicks with the left or right bootic, the affinity between him and Italian soccer remains love hate because of the correption that flows with the sport.

I bow to knowledge that there may have been better center-forwards

than any I have set eyes on. But even my meager 25 years witness suggests that, without a center-forward of genuine class or enormous

vigor, Italy will not beat Brazil to win a fourth World Cop.

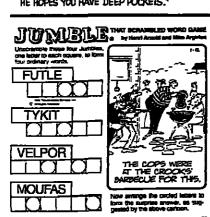
There are things, mints for example, that are acceptable with a hole in the middle. Italian soccer is not one of them.

Rob Hughes is as the seaff of The Times.

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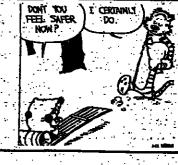
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GARFTELD



BEIJING - China's sports establishment raced Tuesday to the defense of the iron-fisted training practices of the track coach Ma Junten, even though a world champion has quit the sport at the age of 20 rather than abide by ins rules.

Liu Dong, who won the 1500 meters at the world championships in Tokyo last year, recently left the team after clashing with Ma over having a boylizedd. The official Yang-cheng Evening News of Guangzhou reported the details.

Ma, whose "Family Army" of female distance runners took the athletics world by storm last year, accused Lin of flouting national sports regulations by refusing to break off the relationship.

He said the affair jeopar-

dized team discipline and Liu's future as one of the world's top middle-distance runners, the Evening News said.

Ma hurled Liu's suitease and championship cup down the stairs, halted her wages and bonuses and ordered her to write two self-concisms a month, it said.

Lin instead fled to her mother's home in a village outside Dalian in northeast China and refused to return to the team despite her mother's pleading.

The Chinese Sports Comssion defended Ma by explaining that male and female athletes in national training programs are barred from hav-ing love affairs or marrying at an carry age.

An official in the commission's track and field department said by telephone that Ma was correct in ordering Liu to end her affair with On Hui, a sprinter.

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"I believe that sooner or later she will return to the team said the official, who declined

Ma, two of whose charges Wang Junxia and Qu Yunxia, shattered three world records last year, began battling with Liu over her romance after September.

fic was further digero when Liu failed to turn up for training the state-tun newspa-per said.

The boyfriend, Cni, was also dismissed and sent home, the newspaper said.

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Kjefil-André Aamodt blew down the longest and toughest giant slalom course on the cop circuit to increase his overall lead and move atop the giant slalom standings. German Town Makes It Up to U.S. Luger

By Christopher Clarey New York Times Service OBERHOF, Germany - Once

again, Duncan Kennedy found himself surrounded in this quiet, thickly forested town. Only this time, the group of Germans hem-ming him in wanted nothing to do with Nazi power, racial shirs or swift kicks to the ribs.

Nineteen fourth-graders and their accordion-wielding tracher

dren right after the incident," Ken-nedy said. "I was hoping I'd get the chance to meet them."

The "incident" took place here on the night of Oct. 29 when Ken-

"It represents a problem of rac-ism in the world," said Kennedy, who will compete in the World Cup event here Saturday and testify if necessary in the trial of two of his attackers on Jan. 17 in Suhl. "It's nice to see these children taking a stand."

Oberhof, which has 2,400 inhab-

The thorniest problem for Kennedy and his teammates may be finding time to luge.

klause, a local discotheque and bar. itants, has searched its collective skinheads from the nearby city of a pleasant slumber that dates from Suhl allegedly began making mon- the Weimar Republic, when it was key gestures and shouring "nigger" a popular vacation spot, and con-at Robert Pipkins, the lone black tinued under East Germany's Somember of the American team. ... As the lagers ran out of the bar, Kennedy turned to face the group.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

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Oberhof residents have won 11 won two golds and a silver in the 1992 Winter Olympics. "We were all

UEFA to Investigate Torino Soccer Club

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Torino risks being expelled from European competition if the charges are proven. It is to play the English club Arsenal in the quarterfinals of the Cup Winners' Cup in March.

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CRICKET

South Africa vs. New Zeolond Twentery, in Sydney, Australia Australia: 185 (462 overs)

SOCCER

in the weeks leading up to the attack on Kennedy.

The skinheads first began ap-

pearing in Oberhof's two discos in

September after they were barred from night spots in Suhl, an indus-

trial city with high unemployment.

"The authorities here didn't really react until the American got attacked," said Weisbeit's mother, Anne, who teaches at the local sports high school.

Well aware that the economic community hung in the balance, Mayor Hartmut Gobel quickly faxed off a letter of apology to President bull Clinton and revoked the Kurparkklause's right to operate its discotheque for the next month.

Police patrols were increased a full-time officer will soon be assigned to the city - and a new youth club was opened to keep Oberhof's teenagers safe from the clutches of idleness.

"We wanted to show the world that what happened to the Americans was not the real Oberhof or the real Germany," said Göbel, who greeted the returning lugers with flowers when they arrived by

Although lightening-quick, like most Oberhof residents, to express remorse for the attack, Göbel believes it was blown out of proportion by U.S. news organizations. "I saw some television footage

that was shown in the U.S.A., and they made it seem like Oberhol was place with major racial problems." he said. Christoph Dressler, 19, who studied for a year in New Hampshire

and still wears a New England Patriots cap, shares that perspective. "Of course, we all feel badly about what happened, but over there in the U.S., people get beaten up all the time because of trouble between blacks and whites, and

da," he said. "I know Germany's past is al-

to Auckland, New Zealand.

ESCORTS & GUIDES

Anyone searching for signs of trouble in Oberhof in recent days

met with little success. No skinheads have been sighted here since the beating of Kennedy. and the only Saturday night activi ties in vogue with the young and very hirsute Kurparkklause chentele were shooting pool and chug-

ging beer out of glass boots. Security was increased, nowever, for the U.S. team's arrival. Its hotel is under 24-hour surveillance; extra police patrols have been added and the local military garrison put on

low-level alert. German tourists get killed in Flori-Claire Sherred, the team manag-er, said the team was satisfied with ways a big issue, but it is not like we Oberhof's efforts and that the only

their U.S. teammates for practice on Oberhof's luge run.

stayed in fourth place with 411.

49.63 seconds for the two runs.

Aamodi was timed in 2 minutes,

Christian Mayer, who won the

eason's third giant slalom, in Val

d'Isère, France, in December, fin-

are the only one with these kinds of precaution taken by the Americans

was to block the front desk from giving out athletes' room numbers.

The thorniest problem for the

lugers this week may be finding time to luge. They already have been invited to an informal friendship" meeting with German lugers on Wednesday night and to the Kurparkklausen to discuss recism with Oberhof youth on Friday night.

Barbara Kluger's musical class of fourth graders also is lobbying for an American visit.

Clearly, they already have suc-ceeded in their roles as goodwill ambassadors. Kennedy's last words to Sherred as he hopped into range of motion right now. That is a van Monday to drive away from double the range she had at my last the finish line were "Claire, Claire, examination, 24 hours ago."

Aamodt Breezes In Giant Slalom

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As Rivals Drop,

HINTERSTODER, Austria - Fellow Austrian Richard Kröll was

On the longest and toughest giant third in 2:50.86, for his best finish salom course on the World Cup since he won two races in 1990. circuit, Kjetil-André Aamodi got "I made a couple of mistakes at his first victory of the season Tues the bottom of the second run, I day, extending his overall World thought I was going to fall, but I Cup lead with an overwhelming had a big advantage from the first performance that boosted his run," said Aamout, who held an edge of 0.71 seconds over Mayer

Barenalm Hoss slope, which had a Azmodt, the 1993 giant slalom vertical drop of 440 meters with 62 and slalom world champion and gates in the first run and 65 in the the 1992 Olympic super-G gold second, his closest rivals in the bat-medalist in Albertville, still posted the for the overall title suffered di- the fastest time in the second run.

Saster after disaster.

He also moved adop the games standings, with a one-point lead over Mayer. the first run. Alberto Tomba of lead over Mayer. "I was attacking all the way in Italy was in 21st place after that run and did not even bother with the second run but I never really the second. Marc Girardelli of Lux- thought I could make up the hig

emburg, the defending champion difference." Mayer said. "Aamoult couldn't even qualify for the sec- is really top class." For Norway, which will host the Games next month in Lilleham-With 100 points for the victory, Aamodt raised his total to 674, 116 mer, it was its second World Cup victory in a row after a dry speil more than Mader. Tomba remained third with 454 and Girardelli early in the season. Finn-Christian

Jagge won Sunday's slalom in Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, Girardelli, seeking a record sixth overall title after narrowly beating Aamodt last season, failed to make the cut of 30 second-run qualifiers for the second time in a giant sla-

lone. He trailed Asmodt by nearly three seconds after the first run. Tomba, a two-time Olympic champion in the giant slalom, failed to show up for the second heat after finishing the first run 1.91 seconds behind Aamodt. The Italian told race officials he had a painful left knee. He also failed to complete the two weekend races, a giant statom and a statom in Kranjska Gora,

■ FBI Aiding in Attack Case The FBI has entered the case to help Detroit police identify the man who attacked figure skater Nancy Kerrigan last week, wire ser

vices reported. Three videotapes made about the time of Thursday's attack, when Kerrigan was practicing for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, are being checked by the FBI. One tape carried a glimpse of the man who struck Kerrigan ence

with a heavy rod before fleeing The FBI has looked at the tape this morning and last night and they are going to assist us in some enhancement," Detroit Deputy Folice Chief Benny Napoleon said Monday. "They have made it a priority.

The tapes were flown Tuesday to FBI headquarters in Washington for further analysis.

The assailant remained at large. Police were pursuing several leads Monday, Napoleon said, but he declined to elaborate.

The Detroit Free Press reported Tuesday that police are investigating whether a fan of Tonya Harding, who won her second national nitle when Kerrigan could not compete, was involved in the attack.

Kerrigan should begin skating again within a week, the doctor who performed a magnetic responence imaging test on her injured right knee said.

Dr. Mahlon Bradley, who performed the test in Peabody, Massachusetts, said it showed no damage

to the kneedap or ligaments. "We are optimistic," Bradley said in a statement. "The swelling in the knee has stabilized, and there is an improved range of motion. although the quadricep muscle is still weak. She has a 75-degree

don't lose my pigs." Herald Eribune

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Winston Leading Whitbread

SOUTHAMPTON, England — Dennis Conner's decision to split from the rest of the fleet paid off Tuesday, as the American yacht Winston sailed into the lead in the third leg of the Whitbread 'Round the World

The Whitbread 60 Winston went from 10th place to first in less than 24

Tuesday evening, Conner's boat reported an average speed of 11.2

knots, more than twice that of its nearest rivals.
In second place, 30 miles off the lead, the Swiss Maxi Merit Cup led a

closely grouped pack. Another Maxi, New Zealand Endeavor, was two

hours after Conner sailed south of the other yachts in search of stronger westerly winds for the 3.673-nautical-mile leg from Fremantle, Australia,

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their accordion-wielding teacher descended on the finish line of Oberhol's luge run to serenade the American Olympian to the strains of "Remosterg," the authem of the German state of Thuringia; and "Happy Birthday" (so what if Ken-nedy turned 26 in December). The schoolchildren also came de pigs - 2 good-back chann in these parts - and small banners decorated with hearts. U.S. and German flags, and brightly colored messages including Dunken Kennedy is my model and "Danken Kennedy is a very brave man" and above all "Welcome back to Oberhof." "I got letters from all these chil- Germany since unification SCOREBOARD

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NHL Standings

HASTERN CONFERENCE

nedy and some of his fellow American lugers were celebrating a teammate's birthday in the Kurpark-

and give Pipkins time to escape. He received a beating that left him with a mild concussion, bruised tibs and a firsthand appreciation for the scope of the racist, antiforeigner violence that has plagued

Near midnight, a group of 15 soul since the attack roused it from future of his tourism-dependent cialist system, where it was the training ground for most of the nation's star winter athletes.

"Nothing ever happens here," said Antie Harvey, a biathlete who shocked when we heard the news."

SIDELINES

car from Igls, Austria.

manager of the struggling Premier Cameroon has hired Henri Michel, former coach of the French national team, to run the West Af-

• Abedi Pelé Ayew, the Ghanaian international who plays for the French first division club Lyon, has won a third straight African Foot-

For the Record

Andrei Medvedev withdrew from the New South Wales Open because of an inflamed right knee and a

possible ligament tear, he may miss next week's Australian Open. (AP) NBC, while announcing that it had extended its Notre Dame football contract through 2000, said it would not bid for the rights to the 1998 Winter Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, to he negotiated next Wednesday in New NBC won the rights to the 1996 Summer Olympics for \$456 million

(NYT) Wembley, Old Trafford and Elland Road have been chosen as the stadiums in which the British Lions will play world rugby league champion Australia next fall. Dr. Jamie Astaphan, who admit ted supplying steroids to Canadian

sprinter Ben Johnson, obtained

some of the drugs from two Buffa-

lo. New York, bar owners who have been charged with smuggling steroids, police officials said. (AP) George (Lefty) James, 88, coach of Cornell football teams dubbed the "James Boys" when they beat several national powers in the late 1940s and early '50s, died in Sarasota, Florida, after suffering a stroke. (AP)

Quotable · Senior golfer Jun Ferree, on

being named its man of the year by The Mathews Foundation for Prostate Cancer Research: "That's a nice honor, but the problem is, you have to get cancer to get it, so it's not such a good deal, is it?"

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Good Morning, TV!

furned off the TV. Started the coffee, got the paper off the front steps, Page One was long blood: not enough being doserving up its usual diet of starvature. nated. Worried awhite about tion, intestinal worms, birth defects whether there'd be enough life-sav- and badly fitted prosthetic devices ng hospital blood in case some for third-world amputees. nckless devil got an artery accidenutkless devil got an artery accidentally severed while cutting his Daniel Schorr either, so clicked the

loing alcohol and suicide. Also sault looked futile, so decided to orn ligaments, separated shoul- hunker down and let them lay the lets, pulled hamstrings, ruptured Alzheimer's on me. pinal disks, artificial hips, necrotic

ints, rotator-cuff surgery. wondering what ever happened to he good old Charley horse. Who as Charley? How come they as Charley? How come they amed the Charley horse after him? Why don't papers, television, radio ver give you this kind of useful

how-offs. They were doing parania, hospital bills, suicide and fail gunshot wounds.

Turned to the coffee, then rerembered a couple of weeks or wonths ago when some news guy ning coffee disease said the latest udy showed coffee was either good bad for you if you were pregnant. Couldn't remember which but, ot being pregnant anyhow, fig-red it was O. K. to drink some and ed while turning on the TV again.

was doing breast cancer. Switched to another channel. It was doing weight loss. Willard cott, looking emaciated, nevertheclaimed he felt better than I bid, which was probably true if he adn't started his day with colon ancer, suicide, Prozac, necrotic ints, breast cancer, paranoia. Switched to yet another channel. t was doing AIDS. Turned off the V. turned to National Public Rato hoping to eatch Daniel Schort

iving something interesting. No ce. NPR was doing diabetes. Stayed with it a while anyhow. iggling's useless with radio. Tune vay from the public broadcast ation and you're in deep racket r thousands of miles around.

Nashville weepers, talk-show other morning, turned on the TV. they were doing colon cancer.

Rock pounders, banjo pluckers. Nashville weepers, talk-show yakkers trying to make everybody feel absolutely terrible.

reakfast grapefruit.

Decided to risk it anyhow and urned to sports pages, which were from the media's daily disease as-

in the early days of the media's ints. rotator-cuff surgery.

Turned to comics page while ways listened with hypochondriac's

"latest-scientific-research" plot. It says either (1) that the latest scientific research proves that something Turned to ivory-tower crowd— you've always enjoyed or thought was good for you is killing you, or olumnists, pundits, know-it-alls, (2) that the latest scientific research shows the earlier scientific research was wrong, so you can quit worry-

ing about it.
In Story Number Two, everybody's hopes of living forever are raised by news of a scientific breakthrough that may wipe out the disease you dread most. Hope is then immediately crushed by news that while years and years of more research remain to be done before a new miracle reaches the drugstore, it's also possible the new breakthrough may turn out to be a dud. The Alzheimer's story was in the

Number Two category: fresh pro-gress in the lab, but don't think they'll wipe it out before your turn comes, Dad.

So I flicked the remote, got another channel. They were doing cystic fibrosis. After that they abandoned disease long enough to do death by shellfire in Sarajevo, some funerals of American policemen shot to death by testy youths. and the usual Supreme Court refusal to stop the latest execution by lethal injection, after which they did fetal tissue implants.

That was breakfast, as usual. New York Times Service

Winger: Landing With No Flight Plan

By Jan Hoffman New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Late one recent win-try afternoon, the chilly river light settled into the living room of one of the two penthouse apartments that Debra Winger owns in an Upper West Side build-ing in New York City. Wearing jeans and an indifferent white pullover, worn gray socks and no shoes, no makeup, Winger poured the building of the country of the couch. She took a sip. Then she took aim.

She recited from her recent press clippings: "'After eight years of lackluster parts, Debra Winger is back.' Back? Ex-cuse me, but what was working with Bertolucci in the Sahara Desert - chopped liver?" she asked, her sleepy, sandpapered voice rasping to an indignant squeak.

Audiences still remember her for her roles in the early 1980s; as the mechanical bull-riding wife in "Urban Cowboy"; as a local millworker who falls for Richard Gere in "An Officer and a Gentleman"; and as Shirley MacLaine's dying daughter in "Terms of Endearment." But raise your hand if you saw "Everybody Wins," "Mike's Murder" or "Wilder Napalm." Or for that matter, Bernardo Bertolucci's "Sheltering Sky."

But now Winger seems to have thrown off the curse. In "A Dangerous Woman" Winger's tour-de-force portrayal of Mar-tha—an emotionally stunted young woman who triggers a series of violent and sexual catastrophes - has received generous praise, although the film itself has received reviews that ranged from mystified to annoved.

Awards and nominations, including a Golden Globe, are beginning to roll in not only for her performance as Martha but also for her role as the vibrant Joy Gresham, the American writer who shakes the soul of C. S. Lewis, the reclusive theologian played by Anthony Hopkins, in the "Shadowlands."

The actress said she was drawn to the role of Martha because of the character's compulsion to blurt the truth. "Speaking the truth has gotten me into more trouble than any other phase of my personality," she said.

Winger's attitude about her confessional candor in the press is similar to her feelings about exposing herself on screen: "What's the difference whether it's 30 people I know well or 3 million I don't?" she said, with a chagrined laugh. "Can you tell which is going to be more humiliating?"

She has given giant headaches to a film's publicity people, because, after she has fought with a director, as is her wont, she won't pretend otherwise. Nor, until recently, has she gone quietly about her private business. For years, the press gleefully portrayed her as a capacious consum-er of drugs, drink and men. "But I didn't do anything worse than Jack Nicholson or Roman Polanski," she said with a mischie-

vous grin. "Just kidding. Really."

The actress acknowledged that her reputation in Hollywood for being outspoken and stubborn is well earned. "I've shot off my mouth in ways that are just not necessary and so I'm sorry about that. But mostly, I'm really not."
It would not be quite right to describe

this 38-year-old actress and divorced mother as having mellowed, but she does seem chastened. A wounding affair with an unnamed man left her feeling blue during the holiday season, and recent deaths of close friends have staggered her.

Yet just when a woe-is-me chorus threatens -- "I don't have a lot of friends . . . —she caught herself, laughing ripely. "And I'm sure if you include that line a lot of people will say. "Well, no wonder!"

Her living room conveys some sense of her quests and conquests. It is the comfy, flop-down room of a wealthy aging hippie: the rugs are from travels through Algeria and Morocco, there's a hutch from New Mexico and the handcrafted shelves of cherry, mahogany and pine are filled with serious books with cracked spines. The fireplace is framed with slabs of slate for her 6-year-old son, Emmanuel Noah Hutton (her ex-husband is the actor Timothy

Hutton), to use as a blackboard. Elsewhere are a cabinet from Nebraska - a souvenir from the days when she was the companion of Senator Bob Kerrey and sculptures bought in Bali.

After months traveling in Europe and Northern Africa looking for a place to call home, she bought an apple and feed-corn farm in upstate New York and spends most of the week there. She said she assumed she'd be living somewhere else within five years. "There's just not a flight plan. When I run out of gas, I land for a

Her life recently has been considerably calmer than it was in Hollywood, and, she added, in the media. The wild-girl reputation was overblown, she said. "I would have one bad night, and it rock 'n' rolled for five years in the press. I only took acid once — hi, Mom! Mushrooms, though, I

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Debra Winger: "I've shot off my mouth in ways that are just not necessary."

She wants to make it clear that she isn't some born-again teetotaler. "I still enjoy a cocktail, and I never renounced drugs. I'm not sex. Because the sex comes and goes, just not pulled toward them anymore. Right before I got pregnant with Noah, I realized I just could not do drugs and you can't control it. I mean, you can do all the things the magazines tell you to do, but honestly, how many new things can you discover?

In this more sedate, tea-drinking period of her life, she car pools, teaches Nosh at home on the farm, plants bulbs, reads and spends an mordinate amount of time thinking about herself. "The focus has changed, from, 'Wow, look at this big bad world what can I conquer? to, 'Gee, how does this

work?" she said, pointing to her head.

She was feeling sad and deflated, she said, because the relationship of several years with the man she won't name was not turning out well. "In my vast -- hah!

- experience. I always end up thinking. What could have saved that? Friendship, do, but bonestly, how many new things. can you discover?
"So I'm still working on it, I'm not

giving up. Each time I get more tenacious about seeing things through instead of just retreating to my life. Which, by the way, is not so bad. I don't mind living alone. When I'm in a relationship, my work on myself is the first thing that goes out the window because I'm so willing to stop! she said. all but shricking.

"And that's my honest answer and not a very pretty thing to look at. That's why I fail so miserably at relationships."

PEOPLE

Rooms With a View? Fleiss House for Sale

if the walls had ears, or eyes: The home of Heidi Fleiss, the Holly-wood madam, is for sale. The threebedroom house in the Santa Monica Mountains — once owned by the actor Michael Douglas and owned since 1992 by Fleiss's father. Dr. Paul Fleiss - has been listed for \$1.8 million.

Burt Reynolds has tentatively agreed to pay his estranged wife, Loui Anderson, \$15,000 a month in child support for the couple's 5year-old son, Reynolds's lawyer said. He also agreed to pay \$22,000 monthly rent on the house in Los Angeles where Anderson lives with their adopted son, Quinton.

This is funny? Stephen Hopkins, the director of the forthcoming thriller "Blown Away," says he received a ticking package recently and called in the Los Angeles Police Department's bomb squad. A robot opened the package and uncovered a clock attached to some Twinkies and a photo of the actor Cuba Gooding Jr., Hopkins's friend and a known prankster. Hopkins says he laughed about it after the initial shock was over. "I explained it was a joke and he didn't mean any harm," he said.

The fireworks of a Janet Jackson concert have shot down one of the Virginia governor-elect's three inaugural balls. George Allen's inaugural officials canceled a Saturday night bash at the Richmond Colise um because they feared they would not have enough time to set up after Jackson's Friday concert. which includes 14 flame projectors, 60 gold twinkling waterfalls, 24 silver airburst effects and eight fire-

A Bette Midler concert in San Francisco raised \$250,000 to sup-port the fight against AIDS. Five hundred of the several thousand tickets to Midler's New Year's Eve concert were sold for \$500 each to benefit the San Francisco AIDS

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